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School Comm. chair Bjork comments on recent issues facing district

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WILMINGTON — Wilmington Public Schools have had a lot of ups and downs over the past year including many transitions, positions needing to be filled, and other incidents. The *Town Crier* sat down with School Committee Chair Steve Bjork to talk about some of the bigger issues.

Recently, there was the arrest of a Middle School student and an alleged case regarding a town employee that school and town officials cannot talk about. In a statement sent to parents regarding the alleged case, it stated that

students are safe. When asked how the school administration can assure parents that their children are safe, Bjork stated that the schools take precautions and are proactive.

"The schools and police force are finely attuned to the unfortunate realities of today's world," he added.

On student and staff safety, interim superintendent Paul Ruggiero stated, "Although no one can say with absolute certainty that nothing bad could happen in a school, please know that the safety of our students and staff is our foremost priority. The school district does have safety protocols in place in the event of serious incidents in

each building and the administration and staff are aware of and have been trained in such protocols. However, for safety reasons, we do not release the specifics of our protocols as doing so could possibly undermine the district's ability to safeguard our students and staff."

Another issue facing the district is the need to find a new superintendent. The search was first announced as being put on hold in March when the School Committee was looking for a new interim superintendent when Joanne Benton was going to be resigning at the end of the month due to health issues and then ultimately passed away. After Paul Ruggiero was named interim, the School Committee

still opted to pause the superintendent search for a while longer.

"We had set up a pretty aggressive timeline. We'll be scheduling a workshop meeting in June that will be open to the public in which we will be discussing our strategy for finding our permanent superintendent. In the meantime, we have that much confidence in Paul Ruggiero," said Bjork.

The committee will be starting over regarding the search, and the mentioned workshop meeting will establish a timeline.

It is also of note that there are currently 50 openings in Massachusetts.

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New Mexican restaurant coming to Wilmington

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WILMINGTON — At Monday night's meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved an All Alcohol-Restaurant License for Pancho's Cantina, a proposed Mexican restaurant to be located at 206 Ballardvale St.

Pancho's Cantina will be located in the corner unit (unit 7) of the strip mall that is located next to Target. It will be the largest unit in the strip and will contain 109 total seats, all of which will be interior, with both tables and a bar.

Elisandro Chavez is the president of Pancho's Inc., and will be the manager of the restaurant.

"Mr. Chavez in 2003 received a degree from the City College of San Francisco in the culinary arts, and he's spent that time since 2003 in a number of different establishments, restaurants, bars, hotels, including places like the Hilton, Bertucci's, a couple of cafes and sports bars, and in more recent years he's spent considerable time consulting with restaurants and bars and hotels and laying out floor plans with them and consulting on the menu items, etc. said Attorney

Michael Newhouse who represents the applicant about his experience.

Newhouse also noted that another principal owner, Secretary Luis Vargas, is an owner of a couple of Casa Blanca restaurants in Andover and North Andover.

The restaurant will offer a full menu in offerings of Mexican cuisine, including fajitas, burritos, and tacos.

The applicant is looking for a license for 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

"Frankly, it will be far and few between that they would stay open as late as even 12 o'clock, but it's nice to have the license until 1 a.m. More typically during the week they would close at 10:30 or 11 p.m. as a matter of course, but certainly for special nights, Cinco de Mayo and others, it would be nice to have a license until 1 a.m.," explained Newhouse.

Chavez then noted that in doing research he learned that there are close to 9,000 employees within a four minute drive from the restaurant's location and that he personally knows some of those employees.

"They've expressed to me that there's really not much for lunch in that area and they're really looking for something new."

He said they're tired of the same old, same old and they just want something new, something fresh, and something a little bit different.

"I think it was a great fit for us with the location, and for the community and the employees that work in that area as well as the families that are not too far from there and on the other side

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Wilmington High School's 9-11 Memorial Committee recently made a donation to the Wilmington Fire Department. The funds were used to purchase new flagpoles for parades and ceremonies within the department. Students seated in the front row from left are: Beverly Banks, Jessica Moore, Sam Colombo, Shannon Horgan, Holly Doyle, Jayne Wierzbicki and Jillian Troy. In back row from left are: FF Bill Herrick, President of Wilmington Firefighters 1370, Lt. Brooke Green, Jessica D'Arco, Lindsey Amazeen, Conor Kilbride, Ivan Yermakov, Taryn Surprenant, Lt. Bill Cavanaugh and Lt. Erik Nansel.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

Two power outages in Wilmington last week

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WILMINGTON — Wilmington saw two power outages on Thursday, one that lasted only a few seconds and another that lasted from approximately 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"The first was for a few seconds and was due to a piece of equipment called a Lightning Arrester that failed outside of the Wilmington substation," explained Reading Municipi-

pal Light Department (RMLD) Communications Manager Joyce Mulvaney.

The faulty equipment was replaced quickly and the issue corrected.

The second outage that lasted from approximately 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. has an unknown cause.

"RMLD is still investigating," said Mulvaney.

Power was restored by switching the load to a different circuit.

As Thursday was one of

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Jeffrey Strasnack finalist for assistant supt. in Arlington

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WILMINGTON — It was recently announced that Wildwood and Woburn Street School Principal Jeffrey Strasnack is one of five finalists in Arlington's search for an Assistant Superintendent.

Strasnack has been in Wilmington since 2012 serving as the principal at the two schools. Before that he was the Principal of Horace Mann Element-

tary School in Melrose, worked in several Boston Public Schools as an Assistant Principal at Dever Elementary School in Dorchester and a Math Coach at both Dever Elementary School and Orchard Gardens Pilot School in Roxbury, and earlier in his career, he taught at Mary Lyon Model K-8 School in Brighton.

Strasnack has a Master of Education from Whee-

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WCTV news and notes

By **SHAUN NEVILLE**
WCTV Executive Director

I took a drive through Wilmington last Wednesday night after work. (I was headed out to watch game one between the Celtics and Cavs with a friend. Ouch.) On my way to dinner, I couldn't help but notice the community was buzzing and the points of interest were all recent investments.

First up, I drove past the high school. The parking lot was packed with cars for that night's choral concert in the auditorium. Kids from all across the school system were singing for their parents and other family members. WCTV aired the show LIVE and it's now available online and on TV.

A few minutes later, I passed by the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. While the park has been open for over a month, the Grand Opening ceremony was just a week and a half ago. The park was hopping, with both basketball courts being used, a bunch of kids on the playgrounds and some people walking around the field. You can watch the Grand Opening ceremony on WCTV's Public Channel or online.

On my way out of town, I drove past the dog park. The park opened last year and is getting lots of use. On

Wednesday, there were a few dog owners enjoying a warm evening in the shade.

The Town of Wilmington has made a substantial investment over the past few years on these locations and it's great to see them getting good use. While I don't think there are short-term projects that match the scale of the high school and Yentile, I can't wait to see what enhancements come next to improve the community.

New Programs:
These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9 / Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22 / Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99 / Verizon 39). You can also watch them at WCTV.org.

- **Board of Selectmen (WCTV Government):** Hear details on a new Mexican restaurant and listen to debate on new police contracts that have been approved.

- **Yentile Farm Grand Opening (WCTV Public):** Watch the Grand Opening Ceremony from earlier this month, featuring speeches from the key figures who turned the idea into reality.

- **Good Guy Award (WCTV Public):** This year's Wilmington Good Guy is Becky McGrath! Hear from her friends and colleagues on what she means for the community.



May Institute celebrates opening

The May Institute celebrated the opening of their brand new facility in Wilmington with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday. Director Jaimie March had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Photo by Maureen Brady.

- **Chorus Concert (WCTV Education):** Hear from kids of all ages during the annual choral concert inside the WHS Auditorium.

- **Elder Services Meeting (WCTV Government):** Watch last week's meeting from the Buzzell Senior Center.

- **Senior Center Art Show (WCTV Public):** Volunteer Mark Ryan takes you through Buzzell to meet the artists and see their work.

- **Schools Art Show (WCTV Education):** Watch a slideshow of images from this past weekend's public school art show. You can also click through the pictures on our Facebook page.

- **STEM Fair (WCTV Education):** See highlights from last month's STEM Fair at the Middle School.

- **Where's Wilmington (WCTV Public):** Lisa welcomes firearm instructor

Daryn March in to talk about safety tips.

- **Getting Your Garden Ready (WCTV Public):** "Farmer Dave" spoke at the Wilmington Memorial Library last week about the growing season.

Upcoming Live:

- **WHS Scholarship Night:** June 2 at 6:30 p.m. (WCTV Education)

- **WHS Graduation:** June 4 at 2 p.m. (WCTV Education)

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Estate tax opponents frequently call for repealing the tax because, they say, it's a burden for small businesses and family farms. But in fact, only 50 small businesses and family farms in the United States will face any Federal estate tax in 2017, Tax Policy Center (TPC) estimates show. And, on average, these few estates will owe less than 6 percent of their value in tax.

These findings are consistent with a 2005 Congressional Budget Office (CBO) study that found that most of the few farm and family business estates that would owe estate tax would have sufficient liquid assets (such as bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and insurance) to pay the tax without having to touch the farm or business. Today's current estate tax rules are even more generous than those that CBO assumed in its analysis. Special estate tax provisions also allow those who might have trouble paying the tax immediately to spread their payments over a 15-year period at low interest rates.

The estate tax is the federal tax code's most progressive component. Only the very wealthiest 0.2 percent of estates pay any estate tax because the first \$5.49 million of assets per person (\$10.98 million per couple) are exempt from the tax.

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Bernie Nally honored



On Wednesday March 17, Mason Bernie Nally, a member of Friendship Lodge of Wilmington, received the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal. This award is given for exemplary service and distinguished service to the Masonic Fraternity, the community and the member's house of worship.

The Distinguished Service Medal is not awarded lightly. The recipient of the Joseph Warren Medal must be considered truly deserving! Bernie Nally certainly is.

Bernie Nally has served the Masons and his Community in many ways. Some examples are that he is a member of the Town Finance Committee, is constantly working to keep his church, the United Methodist Church of Wilmington, ship shape, serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Friendship Lodge, is Co-Chairman of the Friendship Lodge Wheelchair Ramp Loan Program, is a volunteer for the Masonic Hospital Equipment Loan Program, the Mission of Deeds, Saint Paul's Soup Kitchen in Lowell, and is constantly working to keep Friendship Lodge building and grounds in order.

He is also the 2014 Wilmington Good Guy Award winner and a former Wilmington Chief of Police.

(Courtesy photo)

Police and fire to compete in charity softball game

By **JESSICA KASPARIAN**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Police and Fire Departments compete in a charity softball game in which all proceeds go to the 100 Club of Massachusetts, a charity that benefits the

families of first responders who were seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

Wilmington Police Officer Kevin Cavanaugh said a collaborative charity event has been on the minds of officers and firefighters for a long time, but came to fruition this year after the

Boston Bruins Foundation, a sponsor of the 100 Club, started their BFit initiative.

"The Bruins Foundation started their BFit initiative trying to get police officers and fire fighters, all first responders, exercising more and there was an event held in the beginning of the year at the TD Garden that members of our department and the fire department took part in," Cavanaugh said. "We started talking about maybe doing some form of sporting event and softball became the thing that everyone wanted to do."

Cavanaugh said the 100 Club is "a charity that is pretty near and dear to our hearts" because of its dedication to families of first responders and once they were chosen as the charity, the department reached out to the Bruins Foundation to see if they would partner with the police and fire departments for the charity game.

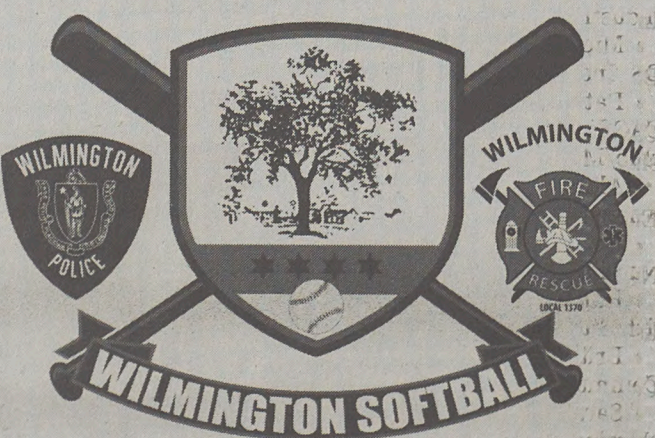
"We had several members of the two departments who had done an event for the

Bruins Foundation, so we had a bit of a prior relationship with them where we could contact them," Cavanaugh said. "They seemed very interested and that's kind of how that all started."

The departments are hoping for a strong turnout at the Wilmington High School softball field on July 1, but are also accepting donations before the game day.

"We'd like to have the community come out and take part in the game. We're going to be doing a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, we'll be selling shirts for the game," Cavanaugh said.

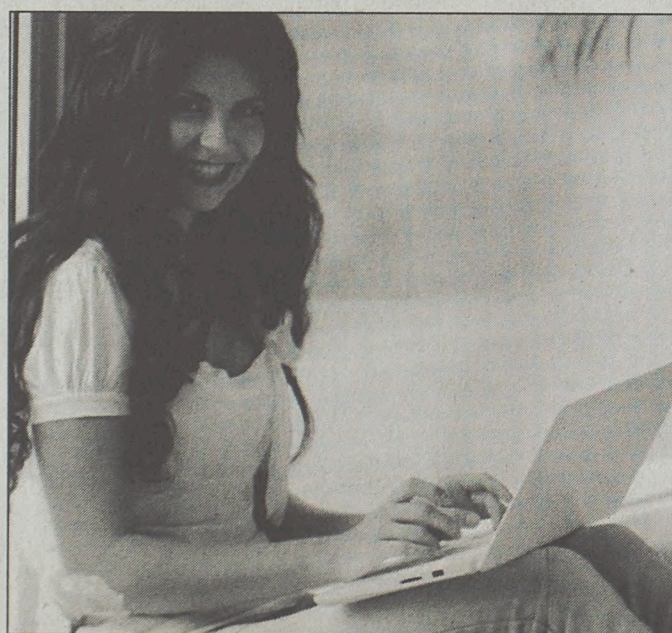
"We'd love to have people come out and just be able to interact with the police officers and firefighters in a setting that is relaxed and they can see that we're just normal people who happen to have a job that, unfortunately, we usually only see people when they're not having too good of a day. We'd like to show them the side of us where we're just normal men and women who like to have fun."



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History:

Harry Boyce went down with the USS Cyclops

By LARZ F. NEILSON and
CAPT. LARZ NEILSON

The sea holds many mysteries of lost ships. Among the many ships that have disappeared without a trace is the USS Cyclops. A Navy collier, it vanished 99 years ago on a voyage from Rio de Janeiro to Baltimore.

The 308 persons on board included Harry Boyce of Wilmington. There were no survivors.

Several explanations for the ship's disappearance have been offered, but none have been proven and the ship has never been officially found. Although the loss occurred during wartime, there is no evidence that it was the result of hostile action.

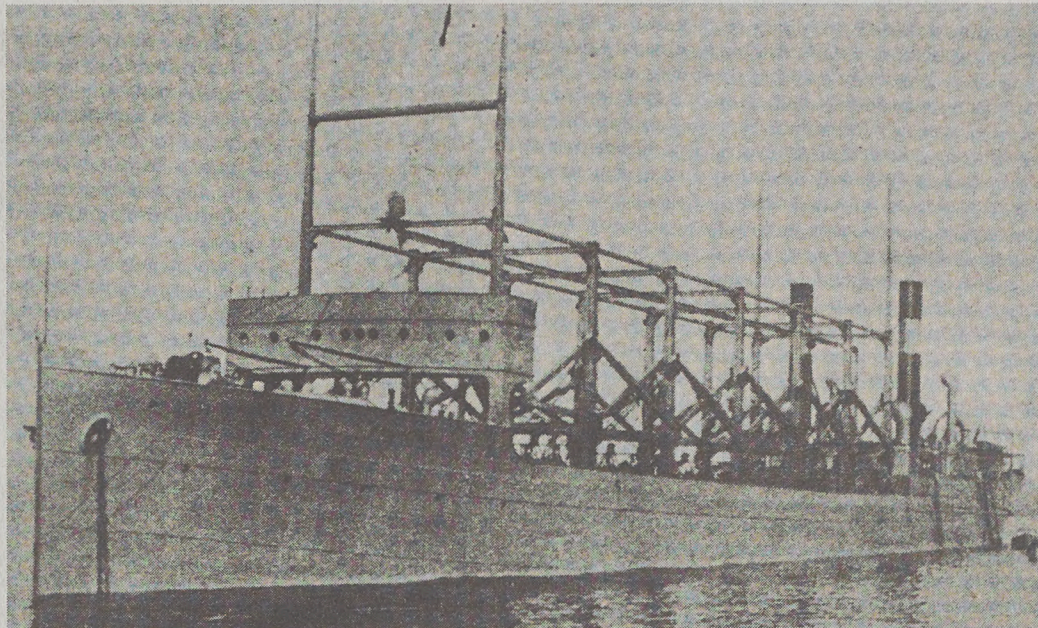
The Cyclops was a large steam-powered vessel built for refueling the coal-fired steamships of the early 1900s. Launched in 1910, she was rated at 19,360 gross tons, and could carry 8000 tons of coal. She could deliver it to ships at sea at a rate of about 100 tons an hour.

Ships of this class were distinctive, with a superstructure of a dozen vertical beams, two stacks, and an elevated bridge near the bow. The ships were named for mythological or historical figures of Rome and Greece, the first being the USS Marcellus.

Harry Boyce was from a Reading family that moved to Wilmington. While there are no records of him living here, the family monument in Wildwood Cemetery lists him as born in 1880, and dying in 1918.

Boyce enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1900, giving his home town as Reading. At the time, though, the family was living in a small house at Perry's Corner, on Woburn Street, just north of Lowell Street. It had earlier been the home of Charles W. Swain, and would later be the Bobby Barrows house.

Boyce was a coal passer, working in the coal bunkers, near the boilers, where it was tremendously hot. The only advantage of being a coal



▲ Harry Boyce, photographed in the living room of the family home in Wilmington.

◀ The USS Cyclops was collier, a large ship specifically built for refueling coal-fired steamships at sea. (Courtesy photos)

passer was that you got a full bucket of water at the end of your watch, more than others in the crew. Of course, the others did not climb into dirty coal bunkers to do their work.

Boyce eventually became a fireman, and served on the destroyer John Paul Jones. In 1916, he was a chief watertender, serving on the USS San Diego, a cruiser.

Some time after reenlisting on the San Diego, Boyce was transferred to the USS Cyclops as a chief watertender. He had 16 years of honorable duty in the Navy. When the Cyclops was lost, he had served nearly 18 years.

The Cyclops, on her last voyage, went to Brazil, to deliver coal, mail and new recruits to the ships of the U.S. South Atlantic Squadron. She loaded a cargo of manganese, a metal used for the hardening of steel.

On the southbound leg of that voyage, there was one officer, a watch officer, who wrote of it later, describing the captain's navigation. He might go 20 miles beyond the port, then turn the ship around and go back. The watch officer also wrote that the ship had a "jumping stern," instability in the back part of the ship, where the engine room was and where many of the crew lived.

The German-born captain

had changed his name to Worley after coming to the U.S., which caused considerable comment after the loss of the ship.

Departing Brazil in February 1918, the ship had a full load of manganese, 57 passengers, most of home were naval personnel, two men under prison sentence for murder, and a U.S. Consular official. There were 21 officers and a crew of 230.

The Cyclops was scheduled to sail directly to Baltimore, but instead it suddenly appeared in Barbados, for bunkers (coal) on March 4. The U.S. consul there was surprised by the visit, and later wrote that it was strange that the captain left via the south passage, for a northbound voyage.

That was the last time the Cyclops was seen afloat. In spite of extensive searches, no wreckage, flotsam or other trace was found. The loss of the Cyclops had become a baffling mystery of the sea.

One later report came from a Donald Fraser, who said that in February 1920, while cruising off the Bahamas, he was forced to take refuge in Gun Key, where he found the wreckage of a lifeboat stenciled with U.S. Cyclops. He also noticed the hull of a sunken vessel about 2000 yards off the key.

A 1929 article in the St. Pe-

tersburg Times reported a finding that the ship had been seriously overloaded. Rated for carrying 800 tons, it had 10,000 tons of manganese, plus an estimated 4000 tons of water in the bilge.

The years of carrying thousands of tons of coal had probably produced a serious amount of sulfuric acid, capable of eating steel. Although the bilges would be pumped out, the acidic condition would remain, eroding the steel. This could result in the ship having a "jumping stern," as reported by the watch officer.

Subsequent losses of old colliers give some clues. One ship was taken out of mothball in the 1920s, to be sent to Japan with a bulk cargo. Somewhere in the Pacific, it broke in two. The forward section, with the captain and some of the crew, sank. The

chief engineer had just completed the morning report to the captain and was returning to the stern when the ship broke in two, just forward of the fire room bulkhead, where the bilge waters were collected.

The engineer and the men in the stern were able to launch a lifeboat, and were saved.

Not much significance was attached to the testimony that the ship had split in two, just forward of the bilge pumps. Nobody seemed to think of the sulfuric acid, in the coal of former cargoes.

In late 1941, there was a similar incident, this time involving two former Navy colliers. The ships were transferred to the Canadian flag, to haul bauxite (aluminum ore) from South America.

They never completed their first voyage. Both ships just

disappeared at sea, somewhere in the Atlantic.

In the late 1960s, the nuclear sub USS Scorpion disappeared. The Navy scoured the ocean bottom along the projected route of the Scorpion. Sound detection equipment located every hull along that route. Where possible, Navy divers descended and inspected those hulls.

One of those divers, Dean Hawes, found himself standing on the bow of a tremendous vessel off the coast of Virginia. He was stunned by the strange design of the bridge supported on steel shafts, with upright beams running the length of the hull.

It is possible that he had found the last resting place of Harry Boyce and his shipmates, off the Virginia Capes, where the Chesapeake Bay flows into the great Atlantic Ocean.

Five make Dean's List at Emerson College

BOSTON — The following local residents have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2017 semester. The requirement to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

- Nicole Ledoux, an Acting major, of Wilmington
- Lauren Natale, a Media Arts Production major, of Wilmington
- Elizabeth Hill, a Writing Lit and Publishing BFA major, of Wilmington
- John Taveras, a Media Arts Production major, of Tewksbury
- Jessica Guida, a Media

Studies major, of Tewksbury

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Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic. A new, permanent facility on Sunset Boulevard for its L.A.-based program opened in January 2014.

The College has an active network of 32,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit www.emerson.edu.

10 graduate Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University recently held its 121st commencement exercises, graduate and undergraduate spring ceremonies.

Graduates from Tewksbury were:

- Jennifer E. Cawley, BS, Industrial Technology
- Michael T. DiGiorgio, BS, Industrial Technology
- Patricia G. Fleming, CAGS, Educational Leadership/Mgmt
- Alexander S. Gillis, BS, English Studies
- Breanna L. Jacques, BS, Nursing
- Haley R. Lynch, BS, English Studies
- Brittany McLaughlin, BS, Communications Media
- Sarah M. Minichiello, BS, Nursing
- Sheri-Lou Skowronski, BS, Business Administration

Graduates from Wilming-

ton were:

- Joseph M. Spinale, BS, Industrial Technology

The commencement address was delivered by 1979 Fitchburg State alumna Mary Pat Couig, program manager with the Office of Nursing Services at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to whom university President Richard S. Lapidus also presented an honorary doctorate.

The undergraduate ceremony also included the awarding of an honorary doctorate in commerce to Martin F. Connors Jr., a longtime member of the university's Board of Trustees and the president and chief executive of Rollstone Bank & Trust.

In all, the university conferred nearly 900 undergraduate and graduate degrees after the spring semester.

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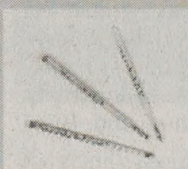
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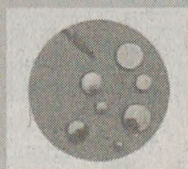
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Local superintendents attend Mass. conference with governor, plus Andy Card comments

By PAUL ANDREWS
News Correspondent

This column will cover the issues above and will start with the comments of former chief advisor to President George W. Bush and former Massachusetts official Andy Card who commented in recent days that "loose lips sink ships" when asked to comment on the affairs of this past week relevant to President Trump and the questions being made about the new president.

This weekend began on Friday when at the same time the president was departing Andrews Air Force Base (no relation) and heading to Saudi Arabia, the announcement was being made that fired FBI Director James Comey was going to testify to the Senate Intelligence Committee after Memorial Day.

One reporter this weekend said this type of thing happens once in a while to a president in their seventh year of a two-term presidency, but not for someone not yet in office for seven months. As someone said to me this weekend, we have to be fair and realize that all of the accusations may hold no "final" meanings in a court of law or congressional action but the atmosphere does not look good as we advance to find the truth with the appointment of a former FBI Director to head the investigation. The sooner this is resolved, the better so Washington can begin to move on.

Superintendents hear Governor

This past week, all superintendents in the Town Crier area were in Marlboro for the Spring Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and heard

Governor Charles Baker discuss the State of the Commonwealth on many educational issues along with the obvious condition of the finances as he sees the picture.

Governor Baker began his presentation congratulating all school officials for their leadership stressing that the quality of our Massachusetts public schools is outstanding and all should take pride on the most recent scores of our students.

Baker stressed the many issues that he faced when he came into office and what he has tried to do in correcting some of the problems. He obviously stressed the fact that he has in the legislative process placed some funding to offset some of the health care costs hitting local communities and school districts.

Superintendents have been pushing action on the so called Foundation Budget Review Commission that called for the governor to support this proposed budget. Other parts of the Commission, including some added state finance assistance for special education expenses plus assistance to low income communities and other actions, will be sought in this current legislative session but a push by Baker on health insurance was appreciated.

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents has been leading the march with other agencies to correct some of the many inequities of the Chapter 70 school aid funding formula with the clear perspective that state financial assistance never followed the percentage of financial growth, following the 1993 Education Reform Bill, signed in Malden by Governor William Weld.

Ransomware

This past week saw many companies unable to open their computers to their working site unless they paid a service for an unknown party to open the system to remove the problem after supposedly National Security data that had reportedly been obtained resulted in knocking out the operating systems of computers across a broad spectrum including local businesses as well as health care institutions.

Somewhere in the world, an individual used a so-called "kill switch" to correct the problem, after coming up with a code to correct the issue, which really raised the question of how safe any information on a computer is, as well as the necessity of having strong multiple back-up systems so data is not lost. One wonders if we can ever feel completely safe with the current system.

While I am a strong supporter of technology I get increasingly concerned about the reliance of technology in a world that is getting so inter-connected, and opening so many ways to manipulate our cyber system.

JUST A NOTE: In closing I have a brief note of sadness to see the end of the Barnum & Bailey Circus and my family trips to the Boston Garden and even to the parades bringing the circus animals along Atlantic Avenue and Commercial Street from the South Station to the then Boston Garden above the North Station.

While understanding the issues on their departure the "big top" was a big hit for many.

Thank you for honoring me with your time in reading this column and feel free to contact me at andrews@massupt.org or on twitter at [@paulandrewsmass](https://twitter.com/paulandrewsmass)



(file photo)

Goodbye to TMHS



Sessa's Corner

By JULIA SESSA

Dear readers,
My last year at TMHS I had the opportunity to start a newspaper column

I have learned so much as a writer, and have developed skills that will help me in my new endeavors.

This fall I will be attending Suffolk University as an English major, on the track to their law program. I will truly miss writing my column every week, but I will always keep what I have learned from TMHS with me.

Thank you to all the readers and all the support I have received this year. It means the world. Congrats to all my fellow graduates. I hope whatever ventures you have be successful.

Letters to the editor

Development is positive but to a certain extent

Dear editor

At the Town Meeting dated April 29, 2017, I stated that I would support Article 56 which is to consist of 49 two-bedroom condos. This proposed housing will be located on Main Street, the old Haydn Printing Company and just a stone's throw away from the Salvation Army building.

At the Town Meeting during which this article was being presented, I wanted to ask the question (mind you, I already knew the answer) directed to the Planning Board Director (Valerie Gingrich) and my question was: Has anyone approach-

ed you to discuss the developing of the Veritiv Building, better known as the old Xpedx Building, which consists of 39.5 acres, basically coppingatting the same zone as Article 56.

I also went on to say that 42 Local 25 jobs would be relocated to Connecticut, therefore the building will become available for sale. Simply, has anyone approached you to discuss any future zoning of this property?

Respectfully, the Town Moderator stated to the Planning Board Director, Valerie Gingrich that she did not have to answer the question as it did not directly pertain to Article

56. Gingrich stayed silent. The Town Meeting members and the residents of the Town of Wilmington did not get an answer to my question.

Fast forward to the most recent issue of the Town Crier, May 17, 2017, page 2, reporter Lizzie Hill reported that the Veritiv building (the old Xpedx) will be closing down on May 20, 2017. That was this past Saturday. I know I'm not Nostradamus, but I was right, wasn't I? On April 29, 2017, I made those comments.

At the Wilmington Board of Selectmen's meeting we heard from the Planning Board Director, Valerie Gingrich, on May 8, 2017, that the Town Manager, and the Planning Board are in favor of a special exclusionary zoning for affordable housing here in the Town of Wilmington, which is even LESS RESTRICTIVE than the 40B mandate.

If I'm right relative to the Veritiv building, which I stated back in April, this parcel of property has the potential to hold 520 units on that property alone. This development will affect an already over-tracked Main Street. This 39.5 acre parcel will directly affect the following streets: Butters Row, Towpath Drive, Gatehouse Lane, Appletree Lane, Elizabeth Drive, Chestnut Street, Patches Pond, Harris Street, Webber Street, Floradale Avenue and Burlington Avenue.

With this large parcel there will be access to Floradale Avenue and also at the end of the Butters Row Bridge where they won't even have to cross the railroad tracks, which only cross now between Charlie's Auto Body and the big white Woodland Building. Take a ride and check it out for yourself.

By the time you read this letter to the editor, we will already have had our Board of Selectmen meeting dated May 22, 2017 where I am going to ask Chairman Champoux to have an agenda item to call in the Planning Board Director Valerie Gingrich so that we may discuss future development. Let me go a step further — if everything I say proves accurate, I am going to fight along with all those residents of all of those streets to be opposed to any kind of large scale housing development on the aforementioned site.

It's already zoned general industrial and there's already a huge warehouse on the property. These large developments will be creating a tax burden to our residents because with this influx of housing and residents, we're going to need more services in our town and will need to open new schools, widen roads, update infrastructure, police and fire, and this is just for this parcel.

The next big questions are:
1. What will happen to the Tectron Property on Lowell Street when the property becomes vacant this year and
2. What will happen when the huge parcel of property known as Schirappa's Farm is sold? These are just two of the potential large scale parcels that are in the line-up to be developed.

Once again, I'm not Nostradamus, but do you see what's happening and why people NEED to get involved BEFORE it's too late? All I can do is bring this forward to you residents. I can't fight this fight alone. Is your Wilmington worth coming to a meeting and speaking up for? I think so and I know many of you do as well. Folks, we need all

hands on deck for these upcoming issues.

I cannot stand idly by and let our town be overdeveloped, overtaxed, and basically overrun by large scale housing developments. Based on conversations I've had with many residents who live in town, they don't want this large development either.

We should not accommodate the developers, consultants and real estate people who stand to make fortunes at the expense of you and I, the taxpayers, whose property value goes up because of the huge development and housing properties which in turn means our property values go up and — you guessed it — our taxes go up. With all of these parcels

becoming available, we're looking at well over 1,500 units and most likely more.

I did vote for Steve Wright's Over 55 which was presented to the town two years ago and last year I voted for the Lowell Street Housing and I voted for the most recent Article 56 on Main Street at this past town meeting. I think we should wait and see how these become developed which will give us a snapshot of how our town will look before we vote for any more.

I'm not anti-development. I'm for orderly development. The time to stand up and fight for our town is NOW. I'll be there — will you?

Michael V. McCoy
Wilmington Selectman

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▲ Wilmington resident Michael Carroll, patrol operator with the MassDOT Highway Assistance Patrol, receives lifesaving award at the Massachusetts State Police Spring Awards Ceremony, along with 20 other recipients. (Courtesy photo)

Wilmington's Carroll receives state police award

BOSTON — The Massachusetts State Police held their annual Spring Awards Ceremony at the State House Grand Staircase on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony was led by Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Public Safety Secretary Daniel Bennett, and State Police Colonel Richard McKeon.

Nearly two dozen people, including State Troopers, firefighters, and private citizens, were honored for lifesaving actions performed during 10 separate incidents or emergencies during the summer, fall and early winter.

Wilmington resident Michael Carroll, who serves as

a patrol operator with the MassDOT Highway Assistance Patrol, was one of the night's honorees.

On Nov. 22, 2016, the State Police-Andover Barracks received a call reporting that a passenger was unresponsive in a vehicle pulled over on Route 93 in Woburn. Trooper Jennifer Penton was dispatched, as was the Route 93 Help Van, driven by Carroll. The Help Van was equipped with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Carroll reached the scene first and observed a woman performing CPR on the unresponsive man. Carroll then took control of the situation. He checked for the man's pulse. After not locat-

ing one, he retrieved the AED from his van. While calming concerned bystanders, Carroll placed the AED's pads on the man in order to analyze him with the device.

The AED indicated not to shock the patient and instructed that CPR should be continued. Carroll and the woman who has initially been performing CPR then began administering two-person CPR to the victim.

At that point, Carroll communicated by emergency radio that he believed the man suffered from an overdose and requested that a trooper with the overdose-reversal drug Narcan respond to the scene. Trooper

Penton arrived shortly thereafter, administered a Narcan dose and revived the man.

For her quick response to the render the aid necessary to revive the unresponsive victim, Trooper Jennifer J. Penton was awarded the Division Commander's Award.

For his quick response and decisive action — analyzing the unresponsive man, performing CPR, determining the cause of the emergency and summoning the appropriate response to save the victim's life — Carroll was commended in Personnel Orders and awarded the Massachusetts State Police Lifesaving Award.

Sylvester Electric Inc. offering useful electrical safety tips and free home safety inspections

TEWKSBURY — May is National Electrical Safety month, and Sylvester Electric is celebrating by sharing vital — yet often-unknown — information about electrical safety in the home and by offering anyone who contacts them in the month of May a free home safety inspection.

"Almost everyone takes electricity for granted. You flip a switch and the lights come on. But your home's electrical system degrades over time — and it can create some very eye-opening, serious safety issues," Nick Sylvester, manager of Sylvester Electric, Inc., said.

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that during a typical year, home electrical problems account for 67,800 fires, 2,305 injuries, 485 deaths, and \$868 million in property losses. Most electrical wiring fires start in the bedroom. And stoves, ovens, dryers, central heating units, televisions, and

radios are the most common culprits in electrical fires.

"May is Electrical Safety Month, and we're using it as an opportunity to educate homeowners about their electrical system. Electrical safety is something so important to us, we've decided to offer free electrical safety inspections for any homeowner that contacts in the month of May; that's a \$69 value," Jones added.

There are some basic safety measures homeowners can take to ensure they're not creating a potentially unsafe environment in their home, as it relates to their electrical system. For example:

- Check and replace outlets that have loose-fitting plugs or broken or missing wall plates, which can overheat and lead to fires. Make sure there are safety covers on all unused outlets accessible to your children.

- Ensure all cords are in good condition — not frayed or cracked — and are out of

high-traffic areas where people could trip. Cords should never be nailed or stapled to the wall, baseboard, or any other object. Do not place cords under carpets or rugs or rest furniture on them.

- Make sure extension cords or outlets are not overloaded with too many appliances.

- Make sure your plugs fit your outlets. Never force or alter a plug that doesn't fit.

- Check the wattage of all bulbs in light fixtures to make sure they are the correct wattage for the fixture size.

- Never leave plugged-in appliances where they might come in contact with water. If a plugged-in appliance falls into water, never reach in to pull it out. First, turn off the power source at the panel; then, unplug the appliance. Don't use a wet appliance until it has been checked by a qualified technician.

- Don't use space heaters with extension cords. Plug them directly into an outlet on a relatively unburdened

circuit when in use, and unplug them when you're finished.

"If you're unsure of what's a potential hazard or not, homeowners should absolutely take advantage of our free electrical safety inspection, as they are comprehensive. One of our highly-trained electricians will inspect for loose panel connections, burnt busbars, outdated wiring, no GFCI outlets, code violations, expired and/or defective smoke detectors, and a host of other potentially serious safety issue," Sylvester said. "Most experts agree you should have your home's electrical system evaluated annually."

"I want to be clear about this: Homeowners are under no obligation to repair these issues, but we feel like it's our duty as licensed electricians who work and live in this community to at least educate people of these issues that exist in their homes. I know that I would want to know."

For more information on Widget Electric, visit www.SylvesterElectric.com and to

schedule a free electrical safety inspection, call 978-957-3422.

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Scholarship fundraiser at Tewksbury Country Club

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Teachers stepped out in style on May 11 at the Tewksbury Country Club for an annual scholarship fundraiser.

Each year the Tewksbury Teacher's Association awards scholarships to a selection of seniors at TMHS who are pursuing a degree in education. These funds come from a scholarship fund that was founded 35 years ago by TTA member Dick Mousseau. Each year the TTA keeps this tradition alive with several types of fund raising events.

On Thursday night, the Tewksbury Country Club had over 90 teachers, support staff,

retirees and an administrator all in support to raise funds to keep this tradition a success.

The TTA proudly honors the students in the community in which many teachers both live and work.

"It is very exciting to see one of our own students go to college to become a teacher. Teaching is not a career that you choose, it is a calling."

Many teachers in Tewksbury are former students who come back to serve the community with pride.

"It was strange when I first became a teacher in a school that I attended... I still struggle calling some teachers by

their first name!"

TTA Membership Director, Kathy Carleton stated that it was a huge success thanks to many members of the TTA, staff and community.

On May 18 four TMHS students will be awarded a \$500 scholarship. A special thanks goes to Marc Ginsburg and his staff at the Tewksbury Country Club and Ryan Murphy of Murphy Entertainment for their continued generosity and support of the TTA Scholarship Fund.

The TTA is looking to offer some additional fund raising events in the school year 17/18.



◀ Far left, Pat Stratis (retired), Lisa Tramonte, Lisa Cournoyer and Sarah Yore, and at left, Jessica Simpson and Mary Eldringhoff (Courtesy photos)

Selectmen seek input on Butters Row Bridge

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Board of Selectmen is seeking input from the community regarding the Butters Row Bridge. The bridge will be a main topic discussed at the selectmen's meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium, 25 Carter Lane.

Residents are invited to attend and discuss short term plans and long term options for reconstruction of the bridge. Feedback from residents is vital as the intent of the discussion is to determine a long term plan for the bridge. Representatives from the Department of Public Works and Police Department will be in atten-

dance to answer technical and safety questions.

Butters Row connects Chestnut Street to Main Street (Route 38). The bridge, which was built in 1920 and reconstructed in 1987, leads traffic over the MBTA Commuter Rail tracks, and is owned and maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

The travel surface width is 13.5 feet, wide enough for only one vehicle to pass at a time, despite traffic being permitted to cross in both directions. Convex mirrors are affixed at each end which enable motorists to see oncoming traffic. Traffic and safety are key concerns due

to the restrictive dimensions of the bridge and the frequent use of Butters Row as a cut-through street.

The bridge has been determined safe for travel by MassDOT with a five-ton (10,000 pound) weight limit. However, deterioration has been noted in certain components. Considering the current condition, the bridge is on the MassDOT schedule to be inspected once a year.

It is not likely MassDOT will fund a project if town officials or residents are opposed to the work that is proposed. For more information, contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-658-3311 or manager@wilmingtonma.gov.

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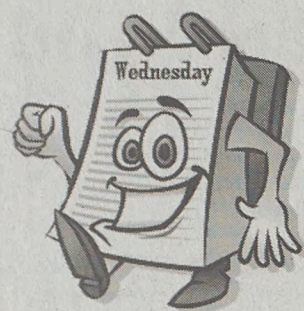
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Wilmington Calendar:

Town beach opens on Saturday, June 10

Boy Scout Troop 126
Thursdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Villanova Hall
Wilmington's Troop 126 is looking for new members. Boys in grades 6 are eligible to join Scouting. Boy Scouts learn important skills like swimming, personal fitness, and leadership. Go to Villanova Hall during a weekly Thursday meeting from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. to discuss joining Scouts.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge
Third Sunday of each month
Fourth of July Building
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers, and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

Memorial Day Parade
The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. A ceremony will be held following the parade at 11:00 a.m. at the Wildwood Cemetery.

Wilmington High School Graduation
The Wilmington High School Class of 2017 will be graduating Sunday, June 4.

Shawsheen Tech Graduation
The Shawsheen Tech Class of 2017 will be graduating Thursday, June 8.

Tewksbury Calendar:

Shawsheen Tech graduation on Thursday, June 8

Half School Day
All Tewksbury schools will have an early dismissal on Friday, May 26.

No School
There will be no school on Monday, May 29.

Shawsheen Tech Graduation
The Shawsheen Tech Class of 2017 will be graduating Thursday, June 8.

Half School Day
All Tewksbury schools including Dewing Elementary will have an early dismissal on Friday, June 9.

Friends of Tewksbury Tennis 7th Annual Tewksbury Open
Thursday, June 22 through Saturday, June 25
Tewksbury Memorial High School
The Friends of Tewksbury Tennis will be holding the 7th Annual Tewksbury Open at the Tewksbury Memorial High School courts on June 22-25. Register to play singles (youth, men's, women's) or doubles (mixed, men's, women's) for \$25 per player per event. Register by June 10 for a discounted fee of \$20 per player per event. Look for registration forms available at Tewksbury Sports Club, Tewksbury Public Library and at many local courts. The Friends of Tewksbury Tennis is also seeking sponsors for the event. More information about the tournament, sponsor details, and player registration is available on the Friends of Tewksbury Tennis Facebook page or by contacting friendsoftewks-

Town Beach Opening
The Town Beach at Silver Lake will be opening to the public on Saturday, June 10.

June Events at Harold Parker State Forest
All programs are free and open to the public. Bring water, wear sunscreen/bug spray, dress in layers, and wear good footwear. An adult must accompany children. Rain cancels. For more information call 978-475-7972 or visit: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/northeast/harp.htm>. Harold Parker State Forest campground is located at 133 Jenkins Rd., Andover, MA

Creature Catch!
Friday, June 9, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Meet at Frye Pond Beach-Fish, frogs, snakes, and salamanders, let's discover what lives in our tranquil New England ponds! Nets and buckets are provided. This activity can be wet and muddy. Recommend bringing water, insect repellent, sun screen, binoculars and camera. Appropriate for all ages.

Gone Fishin'
Saturday, June 10, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Meet at Frye Pond Beach-Let's discover what lives in our tranquil New England ponds. Recommend bringing water, insect repellent, sun screen, binoculars and camera. All ages are welcome and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Birding For Beginners
Sunday, June 11, 10:00am-11:00am
Meet at Campground Nature Center — Learn about

the local bird population from our park interpreter while enjoying some amateur bird watching. Bring binoculars if you have them. Appropriate for children over 6 years old.

We Walk the Woods
Wednesday, June 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Meet at Park Headquarters — Join the Park Interpreter and the Friends of Harold Parker for a slow paced walk through the forest while enjoying nature at its finest. Each week we hike to a different part of the forest for a series of 12 hikes. Recommend bringing water, insect repellent, sun screen, binoculars and camera. Park Headquarters located at 305 Middleton Road N. Andover. Appropriate for children over 6 years old.

Creature Catch!
Friday, June 16, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Meet at Frye Pond Beach-Fish, frogs, snakes, and salamanders, let's discover what lives in our tranquil New England ponds! Nets and buckets are provided. This activity can be wet and muddy, so wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Recommend bringing water, insect repellent, sun screen, binoculars and camera. Appropriate for all ages.

Gone Fishin'
Saturday, June 17, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Meet at Frye Pond Beach-Let's discover what lives in our tranquil New England ponds. Recommend bringing water, insect repellent, sun screen, binoculars and camera.

All ages are welcome and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Five make Dean's List at Worcester Polytech Institute

WORCESTER — The following local residents were among 1,319 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2017 semester.

- Zachary Abbott of Wilmington is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in civil engineering.
- Michael Gake of Wilmington is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in civil engineering and professional writing.
- Caroline Johnston of Wilmington is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mathematical sciences.
- Toni Joy of Tewksbury is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mathematical sciences and industrial engineering.
- Arianna Smith of Tewksbury is a member of the class of 2017 majoring in chemical engineering.

The criteria for the WPI

Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students go beyond the classroom to work on open-ended problems in and for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real," said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

Rae makes Dean's List at Keene State

KEENE, NH — Danielle Rae of Wilmington was recently named to the spring 2017 dean's list at Keene State College. Rae was among 1,245 students who were honored for academic excellence in the spring 2017 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, Keene State undergrad-

uates must be enrolled in a degree program and must have completed a minimum of 12 graded credits in the semester. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn dean's list honors.

To learn more about Keene State College, visit www.keene.edu.

OBITUARIES

Sandra J. MacEachern

Funeral services to be private

Sandra J. MacEachern, age 78, of Chelmsford, formerly of Wilmington, beloved and devoted wife of the late Owen F. MacEachern, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2017.

She was the daughter of the late Albert & the late Betty (Reid) Floun. She is survived by her son Scott MacEachern and his wife Marlene of Lowell, and her daughter Laura Finnerty and her husband John of Bedford.

She was the grandmother of Sabrina MacEachern and Gavin MacEachern, and great-grandmother to Keegan MacEachern. She is

survived by many nieces and nephews, and was the sister of the late Lynn (Floun) Richardson.

Sandy grew up in Wilmette, Illinois, and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Arizona. After raising her family in Wilmington, MA, she enjoyed many wonderful years in Venice, Florida with her husband Owen. Eventually she moved back to Massachusetts to be with her family.

Sandy has always been an animal lover, and her cat Sweetie was a cherished companion to her in recent years. She also had a special



bond with her grand dogs Stitch, Spencer, and Bella.

Per Sandy's request, her services will be private.

JoEllyn (Ryan) Sullivan

Worked as a nurse for more than 40 years

JoEllyn Sullivan (Ryan), age 62, of Wilmington, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on May 18, 2017.

JoEllyn was born on July 20, 1954, in Chelsea, MA; she was the daughter of James and Carolyn Ryan.

JoEllyn was raised and educated in Cambridge, MA and was a graduate of North Cambridge Catholic High School. JoEllyn went on to further her education at Mount Auburn School of Nursing, earning her degree as a Registered Nurse.

JoEllyn went to work at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge over 40 years ago; she was an excellent nurse who always put her patients care first and foremost. JoEllyn had a great personality and wonderful bedside manner; she made her patients as well as their families very comfortable while they were in her care. JoEllyn also made countless friends with her co-workers throughout her career; she considered them her extended family.

In 1977, JoEllyn married her "best friend" John "Jay" Sullivan; they moved to Wilmington in 1985 and had three beautiful children; Kerri, Jay Jay, and Katie. JoEllyn was a wonderful

wife and mother who loved her family with all her heart; they were her world.

JoEllyn treasured the time she spent with family; whether it was traveling, going to the beach, or taking in a Red Sox game she enjoyed every minute she spent with family, extended family, and friends.

In her spare time, JoEllyn also enjoyed reading a good book and relaxing at home.

JoEllyn will be fondly remembered for her kindness and compassion towards others; she had a great sense of humor and loved to have fun. She was quite a lady who will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her.

JoEllyn was the beloved wife of John "Jay" Sullivan, devoted mother of Kerri Burke & her husband Bryon, Katie Sullivan and the late Jay Jay Sullivan all of Wilmington.

Loving "Nan" of Aidan and Gavin Burke, dear daughter of Carolyn (Quinlan) Ryan and the late James E. Ryan of Hanover (formerly of Cambridge), sister of Caryl O'Brien of North Reading, Jean Ryan of East Bridgewater, Janet O'Connor of Wilmington and James Ryan of Hanover.

JoEllyn is also survived by



many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, May 23 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment followed in Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge, MA. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Monday, May 22 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Nan's Circle of Hope Foundation, c/o Lowell Five Bank, 270 Main St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

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Gerard M. Thuillier

Joined US Navy aboard USS Rich

Gerard M. Thuillier, fondly known as "Uncle Mel" to family and friends, age 88, of Wilmington, died peacefully on May 17, 2017, at the Winchester Hospital.

Gerard was born on Dec. 19, 1928, in Lowell, MA; he was the dear son of Marcel and Aurore Thuillier.

Gerard was raised and educated in Lowell and as a young man, he left high school to join the United States Navy in 1947; serving aboard the USS Rich. After he was honorably discharged on May 17, 1950, Gerard earned his electrician's license and eventually landed a job at Filene's where he stayed until he retired in 1991.

Gerard was married to the "love of his life" June for 59 and a half years until her passing in January of 2016. Gerard and June made their loving home in Wilmington since 1962.

Gerard loved the color purple and cherished any amount of time he spent with his family.

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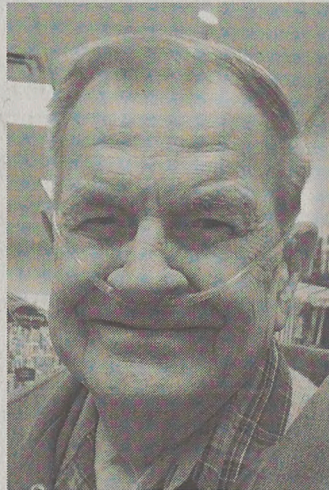
earth is done. May you rest in Heaven and sing and dance with those who have gone before you. Your humor, smile and your gentle embrace will be missed by all. Until we meet again . . ."

Gerard was the beloved husband of the late L. June (Turenne) Thuillier, devoted father of David Thuillier & his wife Bonnie of Hillsborough, NH, Brenda Modrak & her husband Robert of Derry, NH, Peter Thuillier & his wife Theresa of Derry, NH, and Michael Thuillier & his wife Deborah of Tewksbury, MA.

Loving "Grampy" of Melissa Thuillier, the late Daniel Thuillier, Jim Jantti & his wife Stephanie, Christopher, Anthony, Stephanie & Brittany Modrak, Joseph & Patrick Thuillier and great-grandchildren Aiden Thuillier and Noah Modrak.

Dear son of the late Marcel and Aurore (Thellen) Thuillier, brother of the late Kenneth, Raymond, and Doris Thuillier. Gerard is survived by his sister-in-law Dorothy Thuillier of Methuen as well as many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gath-



ered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, May 24 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 23 from 4 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in Gerard's memory may be made to Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472.

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Austin Prep graduates ready to embrace leadership and change

READING — In May of 1967, Richard J. Meelia was on the campus of Austin Preparatory School in Reading, wearing a robe and mortarboard, eager to embrace his future as a high school graduate.

Nearly 50 years ago to the day, Meelia found himself again on the campus of Austin Prep wearing a robe and mortarboard — this time as the Commencement Keynote Speaker, sharing the wisdom of his life's experiences with the class of 2017.

"So 50 years ago, I sat where you sit," Meelia said to the 131 graduates during Austin Prep's graduation ceremony on Sat., May 20. "Maybe some of my lessons learned will help inform your decisions as your life progresses."

Meelia retired in 2011 as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Covidien Plc, a leading \$11 billion global healthcare products company. A graduate of St. Anselm College and Boston College, his first job was with American Hospital Supply. He also previously worked at Kendall, another medical supply company.

It is important to adapt to change, embrace leadership and always be aware of your integrity, he said.

"I am very confident that each of you lives with integrity," Meelia, of Boston, said. "But not everyone sees a bright line between OK and not OK. In the rat race of life these lines can get blurred, and when they do you must always be aware of them. As you advance through your life always keep integrity front and center."

Austin Prep's class of 2017 is ready for the interesting world it is headed into, said class valedictorian Timothy Cray of Melrose, including the challenges posed by new

technologies and nationalist movements across the globe.

"In spite of all of this intrigue and uncertainty, I can guarantee one constant," he said. "If you are a kind, charismatic, caring person, you will do well for yourself. You will never 'outcompute' or 'outproduce' a robot, but you will always 'outsmile' it."

Salutatorian Jasmine Joseph of Billerica noted that the class of 2017 had a strong sense of community, and encouraged each other through the difficult times.

"Think of our community like a puzzle," she said. "We all fit into the puzzle somehow. I would not have become this person had it not been for all my friends, classmates, and teachers. And what's more, I can leave Austin knowing that my experiences equipped me to move on to an even bigger, brighter future."

Collectively, the 131 graduates were offered \$8 million in college scholarships — about \$60,000 per student. All were accepted into four-year institutions of higher learning, and four are attending international colleges. Congratulations to the following:

Tewksbury
• Robert Blodgett of Tewksbury is attending Rochester Institute of Technology.
• Heather Cyr of Tewksbury is attending Stetson University.

• Joshua Duarte of Tewksbury is attending Quinnipiac University.

• Felicia Enos of Tewksbury is attending High Point University.

• Cory Kinchla of Tewksbury is attending Pace University.

• Mattheus Nascimento of Tewksbury is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

• Jared Perrone of Tewksbury is attending Western New England University.

• Madison Roy of Tewksbury is attending the University of Alabama.

Wilmington

• Sara Bray of Wilmington is attending Bentley University.

• Victoria Bruce of Wilmington is attending Stevens Institute of Technology.

• Patrick Flaherty of Wilmington is attending the University of New Hampshire at Durham.

• Cristina Gomez of Wilmington is attending the University of Florida.

• Abigail Lidoski of Wilmington is attending Rhodes College.

• Bianca Macdonald of Wilmington is attending Hamilton College.

• Matthew Mangano of Wilmington is attending Wentworth Institute of Technology.

• Vittoria Marchese of Wilmington is attending Regis College.

• Collin Murphy of Wilmington is attending Northeastern University.

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was a suggestion, the combination of our 2 middle names and meaning full of life, energy, creativity, and one of a kind, which is exactly what we stand and strive for.

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This member profile is provided by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce. To have your business highlighted here contact Executive Director Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211.

Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Ribbon Cutting/Wine & Cheese Social	MEGA Multi-Chamber Networking/Summer Outing
Date: Thursday, June 8	Date: Thursday, June 15
Time: 3:00 pm	Time: 4:30 pm - FREE Business Credit Seminar
Place: The Residence at Joan's Farm	Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Networking
100 Donny Martel Way, Tewksbury	Place: Tewksbury Country Club
	\$10 Members, \$20 Guests

Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.

Destruction of temporary records for WHS Class 2012

WILMINGTON - To the Members of the Wilmington High School Class of 2012:

In accordance with the Student Records Regulations of 1976, this letter is to notify you that the temporary academic records of Members of the WHS class of 2012 will be destroyed on July 1, 2017.

The only record to remain on file at

Wilmington High School will be the WHS transcript.

If you wish to obtain your records, in person, please contact Sue Murray in the WHS Guidance Office, (978) 694-6068, prior to July 1, 2017. The records cannot be mailed or picked up by persons other than the graduated student.



Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Medicare 101 on Thursday, June 1

Upcoming Events

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for library program funding support!

Medicare 101 *RR

Thursday, June 1, 7 pm
Do you have questions about signing up for Medicare? Gerald Lodge, Field Sales Representative for Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred, will provide some answers by explaining what to do, when to do it, and cost options.

Writing Group *RR

Saturday, June 3, 9:15 am
If you love to write and seek feedback, then join our writing group. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Open to all genres and levels. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Mel Simons Presents

One Man Show *RR
Monday, June 5, 2:30 pm
"You ain't heard nothin' yet!" This one-man show features the life and songs of Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante, Eddie Cantor, and George M.

Cohan. Mel will bring back memories of these four well known showbiz legends by mixing clips, accordion tunes, and anecdotes. Mel Simons has been a regular on WBZ Radio for decades and is a popular speaker and personality.

Politics in America *RR

Mondays, June 5 and 12, 7 pm
Register at the main desk. Cost \$5 for background material

This two-part series on Politics in America will be led by Keith West, who has facilitated the library's Great Decisions series the past four years. The two sessions will be part lecture and part discussion and will focus on the current political climate. Background reading material will be provided at registration.

Cookin' the Books *RR

Tuesday, June 6, 12 pm
Featured Cookbook: My Two Souths by Asha Gomez
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online); register and select your recipe through the events calendar at wilmlibrary.org. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes!

Kids & Teen Programs

LEGO Building

Thursday, June 1, 3:45 pm
Build a unique LEGO creation. Kindergarten+

Drop-In Storytime

Friday, June 2, 10 am
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Space is limited. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Drop-In Baby Times

Saturday, June 3, 9:30 am
Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

Dads and Donuts
Saturday, June 3, 10:30 am
Dads and their kids ages two and up are invited to drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, June 5, 9:30 am
Drop in for a fun playgroup led by the CTI Family Resource Network. Ages 2-5

Music and More with Bernadette Baird *RR

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm
Bernadette Baird presents music and movement for toddlers and young children through age three. Sing, play musical instruments and dance. Ages 1-3

Library News

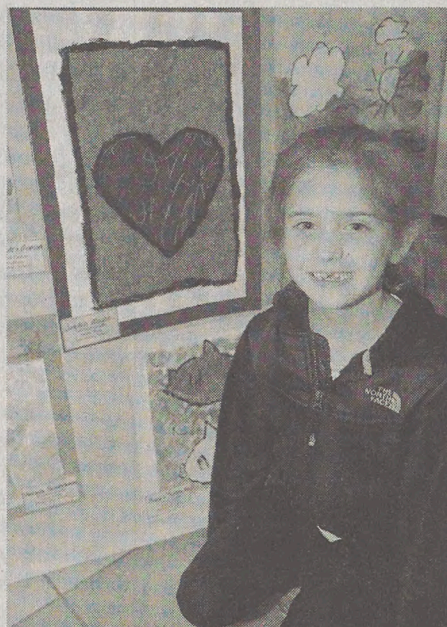
Memorial Day Weekend Schedule

The library will be closed on Saturday May 27 and on Monday 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

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art

The drawing of a heart that Jayden Magee made in her 2nd grade art class made its way into the town wide art show at TMHS recently.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)



Test drive the new online catalog

By TINA STEWART
Library Director

online payment.

We hope you have had an opportunity to try out the library's new online catalog. Here are some tips and new features to help with searching Wilmington's collection and the collection of all 36 libraries in MVLC. Over three million items are available for you to borrow!

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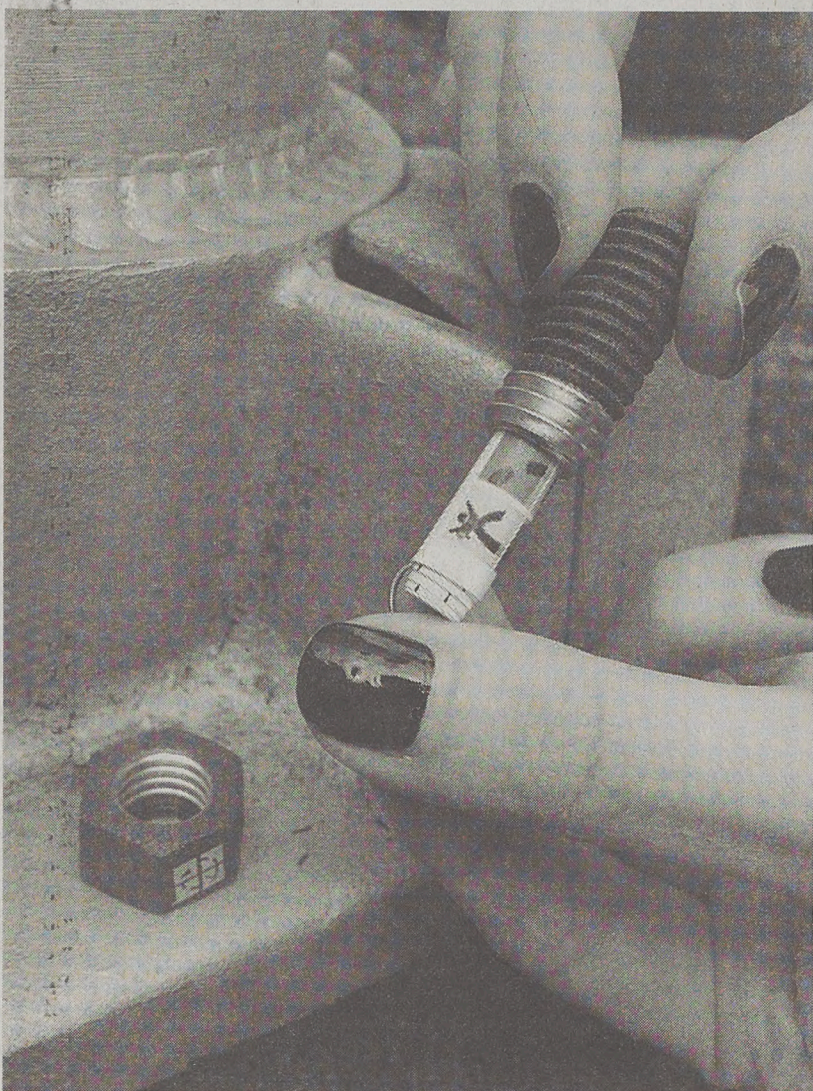
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Lifestyle



Clockwise, from left: A hollowed-out "bolt" micro-container, a more typical-sized plastic container, and recording your find in the logbook.

(Photos courtesy of Geocaching.com)



GEOCACHING GAINING IN POPULARITY SINCE 2000

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

GeoCaching is a global GPS tracking game growing in popularity since 2000, when computer consultant Doug Ulmer hid the first geocache for an online GPS enthusiast group. He called it the "Great American GPS Stash Hunt," which is what the game was called before they came up with the term geocaching. Geo refers to the earth, plus cache, which has been used to mean both a hiding and a storage place.

Ulmer gave the group just GPS coordinates to find his container in the woods with a GPS, since GPS systems worldwide had received an upgrade the day before. Whatever the finder found in the container, or geocache, they could keep, so long as they left something else inside. Within a few days, two people recorded finding Ulmer's container, and even more were posting their own containers and locations.

Today, geocaching has expanded far beyond Portland, Oregon and an email list. Almost anyone can go online and join geocaching.com to start tracking. According to that same website, there are caches located in walking, biking, or driv-

ing distance almost everywhere in the world. Plus, new technology allows a player to find the cache using just their smartphone.

"Well, we are 'old school' and use a handheld Garmin GPS," said Karyn Sliva, a geocacher from Tewksbury, in an email.

Sliva goes on geocaching pursuits with her husband, having been introduced to the game by friends.

"To date we have 83 finds, which is a drop in the bucket compared to some avid and younger geocachers."

The pair started geocaching in 2007, and since then they've been hooked on the thrill of the find.

"Being a nature lover, I like the opportunity to get out there and explore trails and natural areas you may not have thought to do or even know existed," Sliva's said.

Sliva considers herself a casual geocacher, exploring at her own leisure, but there are also geocachers who go as a team or even as a family, because it appeals to anyone who enjoys nature.

"Then there are the avid participants who take on challenges... solo fanatics who enjoy the competition of the search racking up literally thousands of finds. You can customize the hobby to suit the individual interest and ability," she said.

For beginners, Sliva recommends reading information online to ad-

dress any questions. After searching online and choosing the geocache, she stresses the importance of dressing appropriately, with long pants and bug repellent.

"While the placers of geocaches try to make their hide 'find friendly' in this regard so as not to be a deterrent and usually would note said surroundings in their description listing, it is always better to err on the safe side," the email continued.

Then, she says, plug in the GPS coordinates and you're ready to go.

Since Sliva and her husband use a Garmin GPS, she describes how it guides with directional arrows and updating the distance.

"Once you get within 15 feet or so of the location, it will beep and count down to the actual spot give or take a few feet," she noted in the email. "Depending on the trickiness of the hide, you still have to search, but that is part of the fun."

The geocache itself, at least located in her area, usually looks like a small "sandwich size" tupperware container, according to Sliva.

"There were a couple of micros, which are harder to find — think old film container size."

Upon finding the geocache, the geocacher would open the container and look for the logbook. This is

where all of the finders indicate that they have located the geocache. For the micro size, she includes that the logbook would consist of a scroll of paper.

"I'm sure the diehards up for the challenge love the thrill of the micros which can sometimes be as ingenious as a container for purchase on the website that looks like an actual bolt but is hollowed out," she said in the email.

What the finder writes in the logbook should be short and sweet, mostly because of limited space.

"Sometimes universal abbreviations are used like TFTE, thanks for the cache, TFTE, thanks for the find, or in the case of trading TNLN, took nothing left nothing, and your geocache profile name."

Each geocacher chooses their own profile name or even just a symbol — the Slivas leave an ink stamp of a cat. There is more room for elaborating about the find online on the geocaching website.

By trading, Sliva refers to the rule that says that the finder can take whatever is inside the geocache, so long as they leave something of equal or greater value.

"It is not recommended to put things of value within a geocache... it is more of a trinket type of thing," she specified. Her suggestions are things like key chains,

novelty buttons or pins, small toys, or plastic figures. The geocaching website sells travel bugs, which go from location to location to see where they end up.

Sliva has left two personal caches and has one in the works, with her first one along their neighborhood walk.

"The second one which by far has the most meaning to me is one placed within the Tewksbury Hospital Pines Cemetery where the indigent patients institutionalized there from long ago were buried, named 'The Cache of Lost Souls,'" Sliva's remarked. "I have had more feedback on this site from people, even residents, who had no idea this place existed, so bringing awareness to the once forgotten in itself has been very gratifying."

Her third cache, which is currently in the process of being placed, she created in conjunction with the Open Space and Recreation Trails committee.

"Our hope and goal is to use geocaching as a tool to bring awareness to these, in some cases undiscovered, local gems for walking and nature enjoyment along our rivers both to residents and neighboring communities," she noted.

Sliva is excited to see how this project will reap benefits to the town and from where it will bring avid geocachers to find it.

Wilmington Police Dept. awarded \$100k

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Police Department is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation's "100K for 100" program. The Department was chosen from a total of 549 applicants, during a competitive review process.

Chief Michael Begonis will join approximately 300 other guests at a reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston's nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$170 million to local nonprofits alone.

"This grant is going to help us fund community based activities that had previously been funded by state grants that no longer exist," said Chief Begonis.

"In addition to our R.A.D. Women's Self-Defense Class and our popular National Night Out event, we are in the process of developing a Citizen's Police Academy to give our residents a chance to interact with our Officers on a more personal level and learn about the job that we do."

In addition to community policing programs, the grant will also be used to enhance student safety in the Town of Wilmington. Grant funds will be used towards the purchase of a pedestrian alert system in front of Wilmington High School as well as for school zone signs on Carter Lane.

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are not only based in but also primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. This year, the program is benefiting 35 different cities

and towns within the Commonwealth.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate Cummings Properties.

Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings of Winchester, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages more than 10 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

"Organizations like the Wilmington Police Department are vital to the local communities where our colleagues and clients live and work," said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation's executive director. "We are delighted to invest in their efforts."

This year's diverse group



(Courtesy photo)

of grant recipients represents a wide variety of causes, including homelessness prevention and affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years. The complete list of 100 grant winners is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

About Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings of Winchester. With assets exceeding \$1.4 billion, it is one of the largest foundations in New England. The Foundation di-

rectly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including two New Horizons retirement communities, in Marlborough and Woburn. Its largest single commitment to date was \$50 million to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Additional information is available at CummingsFoundation.org.



Tewksbury Police Log

Shoplifter detained inside Wal-Mart

Monday, May 15

1 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle for speeding at Andover Street and Hood Road. Tirso Chavez, 49 of 39 Plymouth St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license revoked, possession open container of alcohol, and speeding.

2:16 p.m. - Police out with motor vehicle in the parking lot of Home Depot; the R.O. was showing a warrant. Darian Guzman, 25, of 141 John St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for OUI liquor.

7:42 p.m. - A dark suburban female driver and a male were drinking at Geddes Drive. The police stated a male lived down the street and both will be staying at the male's house for the night.

Tuesday, May 16

8:27 a.m. - Police sent to William G Drive and Heather Row looking for a suspicious vehicle parked near the bus stop. The vehicle sped off after it saw the caller. The vehicle could not be located at this time.

12:33 p.m. - Cleghorn Lane party called the station to report an argument with his neighbor. Police sent and filed a report.

5:44 p.m. - Female caller reported erratic and aggressive driver. Police checked the area, gone on arrival.

5:51 p.m. - Police off to stop a motor vehicle at St Mary's Cemetery, showing expired insurance. Oscar Rodriguez, 30, of 201 Lawrence St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operate motor vehicle with license revoke and operate

motor vehicle with registration revoked.

7:20 p.m. - Drug Unit off at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. William Shultz, 26, of 39 Laurel Crest Dr. in Brookline, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possess to distribute class A drugs.

9:38 p.m. - Essex Regional reported a female on the line crying at Chandler Street. Tonny Kaziba, 35, of 191 Chandler St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on family/household member.

Wednesday, May 17

12:09 p.m. - Malicious damage occurred to the caller's vehicle while she was shopping at Stadium Plaza. Police spoke with the victim, and the officer filed a report.

1:03 p.m. - Caller reported a driver was smoking Class D drugs with a baby in the back seat at Donna's Donuts. Police sent to all the vehicles and the Billerica Police Department also notified.

Thursday, May 18

3:28 a.m. - Caller at Halstead Tower Apartments reported a silver sedan playing loud music. Police sent and the driver was working on his rap lyrics and would stop for the night.

1:43 p.m. - Loss Prevention officer reported they have a female shoplifter inside the store at Wal-Mart. Roxanne Boucek, 34, of 368 E Merrimack St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting \$100 + by asportation.

10:46 p.m. - Female caller reported someone walked around with a flashlight at

Sheridan Lane. They have lost power in that area and the police sent. Police checked the area and no one was around.

Friday, May 19

5:20 p.m. - Manager at McDonald's reported group of teenagers came in causing disturbance. After asking them to leave, they continued to loiter in the parking lot area. Police sent and reported parties were no longer there. The manager stated she will call the police back if they return.

Saturday, May 20

8:33 a.m. - Caller woke up to find a clear zip lock bag with a note inside stating, "White Lives Matter" on Shawsheen Street. It was at the end of her driveway. She was driving down Shawsheen Street to Dascomb Road and she noticed them in all the driveways. Police has that item and filed report.

9:54 a.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle at Alfresca's Restaurant. Giovani Mauricio-Macario, 33, of 51 Myrtle St. in Lawrence, was arrested

and charged with unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

Sunday, May 21

9:11 a.m. - Wal-Mart manager reported he found a syringe in the restroom of Wal-Mart. Police reported properly secured the syringe.

1:31 p.m. - A raccoon that the caller believed to be rabid at Catamount Road. The raccoon appeared to be sick once the police arrived. Police requested approval from OIC to dispatch the animal. Officer filled a report.

5:35 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver from Dascomb Road to center of town. Male was almost asleep at the wheel. He pulled over at Bank of America and the caller kept going. Police sent but the vehicle was gone on arrival.

6:30 p.m. - At TNT Burner Service, multiple calls regarding noise believed to be gun shots coming from the power lines. Police responded and reported kids lighting fireworks; they were sent on their way.



Wilmington Police Log

Motor vehicle accident leads to arrest of juvenile

Monday, May 5:

7:37 a.m.: The Fire Department shut down all northbound lanes on Main Street after an accident in front of Sonic. The involved vehicles' airbags were deployed in the collision and there were reports of injuries.

11:40 a.m.: 20 rounds of 35 caliber Remington ammunition were found on Waltham Street by a resident.

12:19 p.m.: A hit and run occurred on Shawsheen Avenue. A Toyota RAV4 was in a collision with a silver SUV that headed in the direction of the Shawsheen School from the town line without exchanging information. Police later pulled over an undamaged vehicle on Reed Street that turned out to be

the vehicle from the accident.

5:17 p.m.: A vehicle hit a Nichols Street resident's trash barrels while he was at work, causing slight damage.

6:03 p.m.: A Toyota Sienna rear-ended a Chevrolet Malibu at the intersection of Route 62 and I93 northbound Ramp 40, causing minor damage.

Tuesday, May 16:

8:50 a.m.: Police collected and disposed of several hypodermic needles found on Cleveland Avenue.

11:50 a.m.: The Fire Department and Animal Control responded after a dog fight caused an injury at Aprile Field. A male party

had the tip of his finger bitten off by one of the dogs. Animal Control quarantined the dog for a period of 10 days.

7:01 p.m.: The owner of a Chevrolet Suburban reported being hit by another car in the parking lot of Elia's Country Store.

Wednesday, May 17:

12:54 a.m.: A decoy coyote used for bird control at Yentile Farms went missing.

9:35 a.m.: A Fire Department emergency vehicle was called in for transportation to Lahey after a collision between a Kia Forte and a Toyota Tacoma in front of Market Basket.

12:16 p.m.: The tires of a BMW parked at Woodbriar

Nursing Home on West Street were slashed sometime between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. the previous day.

5:07 p.m.: A Honda Accord and a Ford Escape pulled into the parking lot behind the town library after a minor accident on Middlesex Avenue. No one was injured.

Thursday, May 18:

1:33 a.m.: John Giuggio, 19, of 31 Henry J Dr. in Tewksbury was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, possession of alcohol by a minor, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Giuggio had been visibly intoxicated and acting in a disorderly manner in Cumberland Farms,

which led someone to call the police.

2:40 p.m.: A Market Basket manager reported the theft of about \$30 worth of items by a female who left in a Honda CR-V.

2:45 p.m.: Animal Control took an orphaned raccoon found on River Street to Wilmington Wild Things.

3:44 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Glen Road involving a BMW 5 Series and a Kia Soul. Glen Road was shut down at the Harnden Street intersection and the Fire Department responded due to a possible injury. All parties refused medical attention. However, 80 Main St. was damaged. A juvenile was arrested following the incident for operating under the influence of liquor, possession of alcohol by a minor, and speed greater than reasonable. He was later bailed and released to his mother.

5:21 p.m.: A Nissan Rogue,

a Toyota RAV4, a Honda CR-V, a Jeep Wrangler, and a Ford Fusion were in a motor vehicle collision on Route 62 over I93. The cars' airbags were deployed, but patients refused medical attention.

Friday, May 19:

5:43 a.m.: The Water Department was called in to fix a water leak from the area of a water main break on Shawsheen Avenue the previous week.

8:25 p.m.: A Ford TK, was struck overnight in a parking lot on Avalon Drive and sustained damage down its driver's side.

9:04 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Chrysler Town and Country and a Mercury Sable.

9:14 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred by the Post Office on Church Street involving a Subaru Impreza and a Toyota Prius.

Saturday, May 20:

9:46 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Ford Mustang and a Toyota RAV4 occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Eames Street. It is not known if the vehicles were damaged.

Sunday, May 21:

5:45 a.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with some smoldering mulch at the Shell station on Main Street.

1:29 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a GMC Yukon and a Honda Pilot.

4:03 p.m.: A Ford Escape and a Honda Civic were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Route 62 and I93 northbound Ramp 40. Both vehicles were towed.

Tewksbury K of C food drive

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Knights of Columbus is running a Food Drive on Saturday, June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and all non-perishable goods and contribution will go directly to the Tewksbury Food Pantry.

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School Committee comments on tumultuous school year

BJORK FROM PAGE 1

In regards to Wilmington having three different people serve as superintendent over the past few years between Mary DeLai, Joanne Benton, and now Paul Ruggiero, Bjork said, "In essence there has been a lot of transition. Certainly in the case of Joanne, that was an unforeseen, tragic circumstance. Although I will say that for years Joanne and Paul have worked very closely together, certainly during her time as interim."

He also noted that an ideal candidate for the permanent superintendent would have classroom experience and would ideally have worked as a superintendent in another district.

In regards to Assistant Superintendent Sean Gallagher being a finalist for the superintendent search in Ipswich, Bjork stated, "I think he is an asset to Wilmington, and while I certainly wish him the best, I also hope that Wilmington will benefit from his service for many years."

When asked about the district having many open positions such as Middle School Principal and Assistant Principal, Special Education Director, IT Director, and STEM Director, Bjork said, "I couldn't possibly speculate on why individuals have left our district, as that is a very personal decision. Districts across the state are currently dealing with interim positions. There are currently something like 50 open school superintendent positions in the State of Massachusetts."

He also noted that filling the interim positions is a priority and will be accomplished.

Another issue that has been brought up is that many Middle School students are believed to be going to schools other than WHS.

"I have heard people talk-

ing about the 'large number of eighth graders' not going to the high school, but the data does not support that rumor. The number of students going to Shawsheen Tech and private schools is quite consistent with prior years," Bjork said.

This has certainly been a year with many ups and downs for the School Committee and the entire District.

"It has been a tumultuous year for sure, there have been a lot of incidents that were out of the School Committee's or the district's control, but we have every confidence in our administrators and our teachers who are providing our students with the educational opportunities they deserve and have come to expect," Bjork commented.

Members who were on the committee over the past year were asked what they are most proud of the entire committee for and what they wish had not happened.

"I'm most proud of the seven of us working together for the best interest of our town and our schools," said Bjork.

On what he wished had not happened he added, "I wish every day that Joanne Benton was still with us and healthy."

On what she was most proud of, Vice Chair Julie Broussard said, "The way our committee worked together, despite our challenging year. I've truly enjoyed working with all of them. Wilmington is fortunate to have such a caring, professional and hard-working committee working towards providing the best education for all of our students."

On what she wished had not happened, she stated, "This year has certainly been a rollercoaster! The Wilmington School Committee faced numerous challenges, with little precedent to follow and no simple answers. Unfortunately, people tend to focus on the negative, when so much positive was happening at the same time."

"I am proud of the fact that throughout the entire time we worked together as a team with respect and understanding for each other and the entire time we put forward what we felt was

most important for the children of the community and what followed the law, although we were not given the benefit of the doubt by certain people in town," said School Committee member Peggy Kane. "I cannot help but feel badly that Joanne Benton, in a typical generous move on her part to help us with our issues, died working for the children of Wilmington in the midst of multiple events that we really could not control. I can only hope that at her unexpected end, Joanne was aware of what she meant to this school system."

Committee member MJ Byrnes answered, "Personally speaking, I'm most proud that the board continues to work together as a body of seven, as we navigate through these challenges that affect our school district and the community we serve."

"Beside the untimely passing of Joanne Benton, one of the things I wish hadn't happened is the misleading and false conclusions and statements put out on social media about what has been

transpiring within our administration and schools and the board's position on these issues. The unnecessary anxiety and additional misguidance it causes is just not necessary. Ask questions! Have opinions and discussions. But, base those opinions on knowledge of the facts, not speculative remarks. I have always responded to anyone who has taken the time to reach out to me regarding their concerns or questions. Those conversations are just as important to me in gathering information to address the needs of all students and what we need to see transpire in our schools. Whether it be over the phone or meeting in person, I shall do my best to work collaboratively with parents so we can work together to give our kids an education they are deserving of. It's imperative that we work together to see this through!"

"The thing that makes me proud of being a member of the Wilmington School Committee this past year is the unwavering dedication each past or present member has

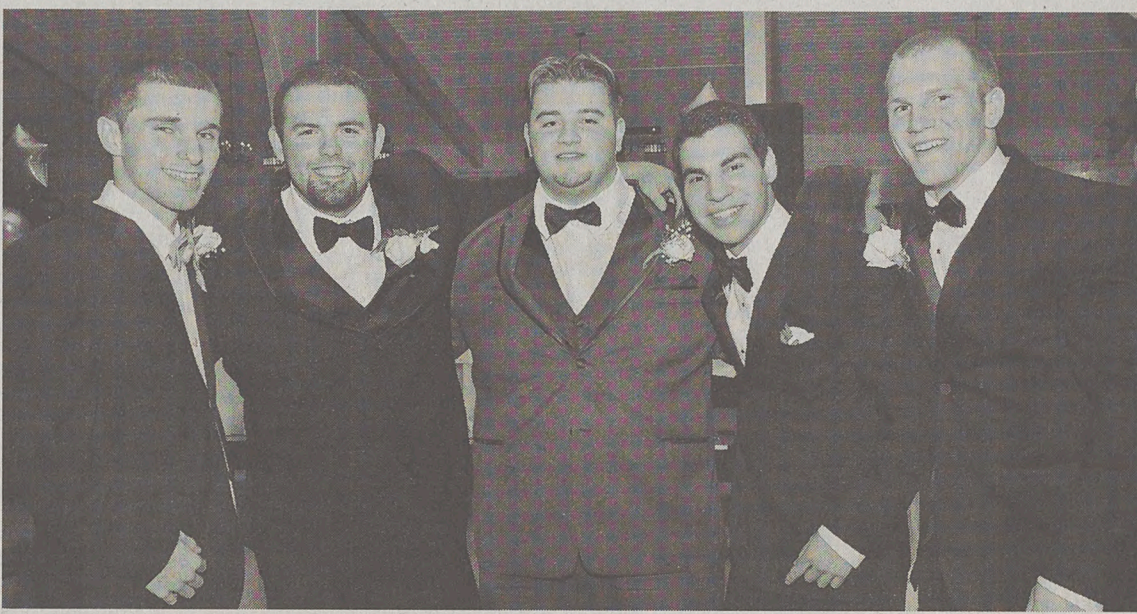
given to provide the best educational opportunities to the students in the Wilmington Public School System," said Committee member Thomas Talbot. "As for what I wished not happening this past year, losing Joanne Benton was a tragic loss for the Wilmington school system and the community as a whole. Her leadership and dedication is what makes the Wilmington School System the great institution it is today."

Bjork was then asked if he were to sell Wilmington Public Schools to an administrator or teacher applying for a job here or a student deciding between WHS or another school what he would tell them to make Wilmington their number one choice.

"I would simply suggest that they attend one of our award ceremonies, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, and our graduation ceremony to see the academic caliber of students who attend our high school. Attend one of our sporting events, band concerts, or drama events to experience our students' passion for our schools. I've had the extreme pleasure of sitting in on many classes, including a World War II class, a Creative Writing class, and a 6th grade class in which the students presented persuasive speeches. In every instance I have been struck by the competence and passion of the teacher, and also by the engagement of the students. Wilmington Public Schools is functioning at a high level, and will only improve," he responded.

In closing, Bjork stated, "The School Committee benefits from parental input. I am always open to emails or phone calls. Although I and my fellow members certainly wish we could address every issue over night, it will take some time, just please know that each member of the School Committee is working diligently."

Sharp Dressed Men



Wilmington High School students Connor Griffin, Dave Woods, Loe Lafarello, Lorenzo DiMambro, and Sam Jennings at the Senior Prom.

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Post Office Food Drive

Max Shapiro helped a postal worker with a box of donated food she collected while delivering mail on her route recently.

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Strasnick is one of five finalists in Arlington search

STRASNICK FROM PAGE 1

ock College, and a BA from UMass Lowell as well as having taken postgraduate classes in educational leadership at Northeastern University.

Other finalists include Joann Campbell Kilpatrick who is currently the Principal of Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, Rod-

erick MacNeal Jr. who is currently the Principal of John Eliot Elementary School in Needham, Thomas Martellone who is currently the Principal of Fiske Elementary School in Lexington, and Michael Tracy who is currently the Principal of the Middle School in the Cape Elizabeth School District in Maine.

According to Wicked Local, the finalists have been visiting the district this week and will continue into next week. The visits started on Tuesday the 23rd with Strasnick, Wednesday the 24th with Kilpatrick, Thursday the 25th will be with Tracy, Tuesday the 30th will be with MacNeal, and Wednesday the 31st will be with Martellone.

Unseasonably high temps contributed to outages

OUTAGES FROM PAGE 1

the first hot days of the year, heat was a contributing fac-

tor.

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manage," said Mulvaney.

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of Wilmington, as well," he said.

"I'll just say congratulations; the town really could use a good Mexican restaurant," said Selectman Michael McCoy.

Selectman Ed Loud added, "Like Mr. McCoy said, it's going to be a great addition to the town, thank you."

"I'm looking forward to having a Mexican restaurant in the town, so good luck," continued Selectman Kevin Cairra.

"I agree with my colleagues, I'm also excited. I'm a big spicy food fan and I frequent Casa Blanca quite often myself, so we look forward to it and I think it will be a nice addition for the

town. Congratulations and good luck," stated Selectman Gregory Bendel.

Selectman Chair Michael Champoux then asked about entertainment at the restaurant.

"We haven't really discussed (live music) per say. We'll just basically have dinner music or background music, predominantly Spanish and Mexican music, just for the entertainment while people are eating. TVs are planned to be at the bar, as well, for that entertainment," said Chavez.

They could use some live music for certain events, like a mariachi band or something like that, Chavez noted.

"Not only do I think it will be a great asset and advantage to the 9,000-some-

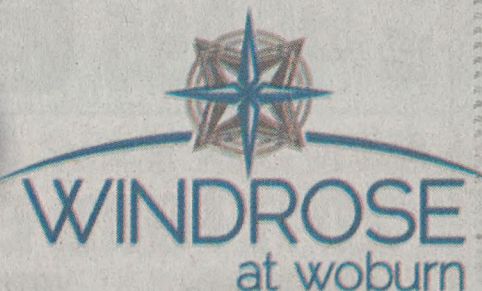
thing employees in that four minute drive, but I also think that it's really a nice enhancement to the variety for all of us in the area. During the day you're going to be getting a lot of the folks working in the area, and during the night I think you're going to be getting a lot of us, so I'm looking forward to it as well," Champoux said.

Town Manager Jeffrey Hull then stated that the Police Department, Building Inspector, and Health Director have all issued positive recommendations to approve the All Alcohol-Restaurant License.

The Selectmen voted, with four in favor and one abstention from Selectman Cairra, to approve the license.

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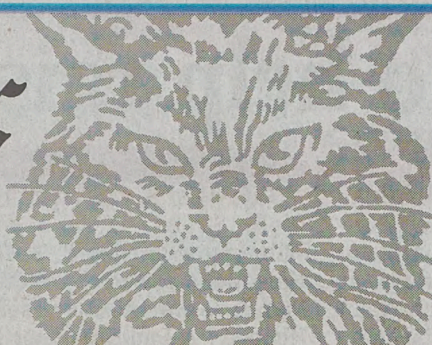
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A staff of Aces and Kings

Six-man pitching staff posting incredible numbers

'Cats take league title; Coach Caira wins 150th

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - It was a big week of milestones and accomplishments for the Wilmington High School Baseball team. On Friday night, the 'Cats came from behind to beat Burlington High School, 9-5, at the newly built Shawsheen Tech Field under the lights and that win gave Wilmington the Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title with a perfect 10-0 record against the small school teams.

Wilmington is currently 14-4 on the season and finished 10-0 beating Watertown, Melrose, Wakefield, Stoneham and Burlington two times each. In addition, the team beat Tewksbury twice and then went 2-4 against the large school teams losing to Reading, Belmont, Winchester and Arlington while beating Woburn and Lexington.

"(Finishing 10-0 against the Freedom Division teams is) something special and it hasn't happened since we have been in the league," said coach Aldo Caira. "The kids really wanted it, I really wanted it and the kids battled. They really battled to get it."

"Friday night's game against Burlington was tough. We were down 3-0 early on and it was just one of those games that you could tell that we were going to comeback. The kids have just been comfortable all season facing the (Middlesex League Freedom Division) teams. The kids just do their jobs, they get hits when they need them and you saw it today in the fifth inning when we got a few hits in a row to score two more runs."

"It's always nice to win a championship. Like I tell the boys, I'm fine with winning games by one run, than ten (as long as we win). This was nice. To finish 10-0 against the small school teams and take the league title is a good accomplishment."

This marks the fourth league title in the 16 years



Before Friday's game, the WHS Baseball team's pitching staff consisting of from left, Graham Smith, Darin MacEacheron, Danny Gracia, Chris Grecco, Chris Stokes and Ben Maynard, had a combined 12-3 record with a miniscule 1.32 ERA. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Gracia, Grecco, MacEacheron and Co. getting the job done

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - Before Friday's game against Burlington, the six members of the Wilmington High School Baseball team's pitching staff had a team earned run average of 1.32. In 106.2 innings this season, the group had given up just 20 earned runs, which at the time put the Wildcats at 12-3 record (later that night the 'Cats beat Burlington, 8-5 to win their 13th game and the Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title outright with a 10-0 mark).

The numbers and the performances are astounding, but the there's other major aspects to all of this. First, besides Danny Gracia, there

was very minimal varsity experience from the staff entering this season; Second, the team lost a Division 1 pitcher from last year's team Jackson Gillis, who is off pitching at Vanderbilt University, as well as losing Matt Woods. And despite those experienced arms gone, this year's team already has more wins than last year's team; Next, the staff was behind the 8-ball entering this season in preparation because of the snow, and things slowed down even more this season with the constant rain-outs. Those rain-outs then made this year's schedule extremely hectic as the Wildcats have already had two four-game weeks this season.

Yet despite all of that, through 15 games this season, junior Chris Grecco (5-0, 1.48), junior Danny Gracia (3-2, 1.16), senior Darin MacEacheron (2-1, 1.56), sophomore Chris Stokes (2-0, 1 save, 1.49) and then juniors Graham Smith and Ben Maynard have combined for one save in 3.2 innings, giving up one earned run, have been nothing short of masterful.

"It makes my job easier calling pitches when they throw strikes all game," said the team's pitching coach Brian Caira. "When you have MacEacheron throwing 62 pitches and a complete game - Stokes throwing 70 pitches for a complete game as a sophomore that stuff is amazing. Then

being able to rely on the guys who have been around longer like Gracia and Grecco, and Graham (Smith), who is coming along now, so all of them are pitching so well. We were talking about it earlier (having a team ERA of) 1.32 has to be among the top throughout the entire state. To have a 1.32 team ERA is amazing - it's crazy and incredible. It really is."

In the 15 games this season, Wilmington gave up two runs or less nine times, gave up three runs five times and then had a 6-1 loss to Arlington in which funny man MacEacheron said, "(After getting my first varsity win against Tewksbury) it gave me confidence and then (my next outing was against) Arlington we lost 6-1 and my confidence dropped a little. I only pitched four innings and they hit me. I didn't give these guys a chance to make plays behind me because they hit me all over the place."

That was the one game that Wilmington had to go to the bullpen before the sixth inning. In 15 games, the starting pitchers have gone into the sixth inning 14 times.

"We have had two four-

game weeks," said Brian Caira. "This week alone we have had four games and the starters have gone seven, seven, six and six innings, something like that. We haven't gone into the bullpen early in all but one game this season. We have played fifteen games and we can literally give the ball to anyone and they will give us six or seven innings."

"Day one they were throwing thirty pitches in the gym and that's on a mound in a gym so there's not a whole lot that you can get accomplished. Right from the get-go, they have been tremendous. They were pitching a few days a week in the off-season. They are a unit. This group really gets along. They're a 'we' not 'me' group which is great. It's nice to see."

Gracia earned the opening day start and he came away with a 9-2 convincing win over Woburn. In his next start, he faced Belmont and that's when the opposing pitcher Joe Espelin led the Marauders to a 1-0 victory which included striking out 19 Wildcat batters.

Gracia came back to beat Stoneham, 3-1, in a game that lasted ten innings. He

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Wilmington Youth Intown soccer players Layla Veri, left, and Kyla Pereira enjoying a beautiful soccer Saturday down the Shawsheen Fields, while relaxing in the Golf Cart. See full soccer results inside this section. (courtesy photo).

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Wilmington Kids ride to help raise 10K for Cancer

By **JOSEPH QUILTY**
Sports Correspondent

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WILMINGTON -- This past Sunday, at the Boutwell School in Wilmington, the 12th Annual Kids Pan-Mass Bike Challenge event was held and once again it was a complete success.

The morning had perfect weather. It wasn't too hot or too cold. A light jacket would have sufficed. The route is up and around the West Intermediate School and back to the Boutwell School. The DJ kicked the race off by playing Taylor

Swift's "Shake It Off" as the young bicyclists were riding. Sue Hendee, a teacher at the Shawsheen Elementary School in Wilmington, has been in charge of the Kids Pan-Mass Challenge for all 12 years.

"The very first Pan-Mass Challenge started as an adult bike ride in 1980 by a gentleman named Billy Starr," Hendee said before continuing to explain, "with about twelve people that wanted to help fight cancer."

She said that they rode their bikes all the way from the Springfield area to

Provincetown.

Hendee said since that day in 1980 the PMC has developed into the No. 1 athletic fundraiser in the world. It has raised more money than any other athletic-type charity. Last year, the PMC raised just over a half billion dollars. It has been very instrumental in building the new Dana-Farber Cancer Center.

"They have almost eliminated childhood leukemia and have found cures for many types of cancers. It's really quite impressive!"

This year's event honored

a young Wilmington girl.

"This year's ride will be 'Kelly Strong' as we honor Wilmington resident Kelly Gonzalez as our official Pedal Partner," said Hendee. A Pedal Partner is a young patient who has been diagnosed with cancer. This past year, Kelly was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, an aggressive type of brain cancer. She has gone through surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy.

"The Pedal Partner program really drives home the importance of raising money to help fight cancer, as it shows that cancer strikes at any age and in every community. The process that Kelly and her family have gone through to fight this disease has been very difficult, and I can think of no one more heroic than a child having to go through what Kelly has gone through. We want to show her that we are behind her, and hopefully our riders' fundraising efforts can help put an end to this terrible disease."

Teachers and high school students helped volunteer for the event. The Andover Girls Field Hockey team had a table where kids could get their face painted if they so desired.

During last year's event, a total of \$12,000 was raised. This year wasn't as big as a turnout, but as of presstime, it appeared as if \$10,000 was raised.

"One hundred percent of the donations go to Dana-Farber. It's awesome," said Hendee. "Kids who raise \$250 or more are called 'Heavy Hitters' and they get a sack pack (a bag with drawstrings you can carry on your back)."

Hendee also said that the kids who raise \$750 or more get a backpack. The top three children who raise the most money get a commemorative plaque.

Wilmington resident Michele MacPherson has

enjoyed this event for a while. "This is our sixth [year]. We've been doing this for a while."

MacPherson's three children participated in Sunday's event and they're all experienced in this fundraiser. Eleven-year-old sixth grader Kaytlyn MacPherson, nine-year-old fourth grader Sydney MacPherson, and six-year-old kindergartener Ryan MacPherson were all thrilled to be doing the Kids Pan-mass Challenge again. The three of them have raised \$75 thus far.

"The kids do a lot of cancer fundraising events. They do the 'Relay for Life' in June and then they do the 'Light the Night' for Leukemia in October."

MacPherson added, "They have to spread out their fundraising. Our family has been impacted a lot by cancer."

The kids' grandmother passed away from cancer before they were born. Their grandfather and MacPherson's three siblings spouses are all cancer survivors.

"Cancer, unfortunately, runs rampant in our lives so we come here to raise money and make a difference," said Michelle MacPherson.

Both Kaytlyn and Sydney said that they enjoy participating race to raise money towards helping to fight cancer. Once they were able to ride a bike they started participating in the Pan-Mass Challenge. This is Kaytlyn's sixth year and Sydney's fifth year in the race.

In his third year in the race, Ryan MacPherson said, "I want to raise money for people who have cancer." He started riding a bike four years ago when he was two.

Whether people are riding in memory of someone, someone currently fighting this deadly battle, or just to raise money towards the cause, it's a great thing to do for the people who need

help.

If you would like to donate to the PMC Event on behalf of Kelly Gonzales, you may go to: www.kids.pmc.org, click 'List of Rides' then click 'Wilmington' and follow the steps to make a donation.

Letter to the Sports Editor

Hendee, PMC, say thank you

Dear Jamie:

On Sunday, May 21st, '62 children from Wilmington and surrounding towns rode their bikes to raise money to fight cancer in the 12th annual Pan-Mass Challenge Wilmington-Andover Kids Bike Ride.

Approximately \$11,000 has been raised so far by this year's event, all of which will go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Jimmy Fund.

We would like to thank the many people who volunteered their time or made donations in support of our event:

Wilmington Police Department; Wilmington Public Schools teachers and staff; Wilmington Kiwanis Club; Wilmington HS students; Andover HS students; Carl Toto; Paul Campbell; Wilmington Cub Scout Pack 126; Wilmington Trophy and Apparel and Merrimack Valley Pavilion.

Our event would not be the same without the support of the families and friends of the participants and organizers; we truly appreciate all that they have done to make the ride a success for the 12th year!

Sincerely,
Sue Hendee and Sheila Salois, PMC Wilmington Kids Ride Coordinators



David LaPointe, age 3, rode in Wilmington's Pan Mass bike ride at the Boutwell School on Sunday. (Photo by Maureen Brady).



Above, in her 12th year as event director, Sue Hendee starts the annual Wilmington 'Kids Pan Mass Bike Challenge ride on Sunday morning at the Boutwell School; and below, Lia and Shea Priceget ready for their ride. (Photos by Maureen Brady).



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Pedal Partner Gonzalez continues to be 'Kelly Strong'

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

WILMINGTON - Back on March 24th, the Town of Wilmington, led by the Police Department, honored a young girl in town Kelly Gonzalez, who has been going through some difficult times.

On that day, hundreds of police cars lined up on the streets as Kelly was given a ride, to the Police Station for 'Kelly Strong Day', as part of the 'Cops for Kids with Cancer Program'. The event was featured on several news stations as the day was a complete success.

On Sunday morning, many of Kelly's classmates in school, and youth children from the town, honored her again as part of the 12th annual Pan Mass Challenge Kids Bike Ride event which was held at the Boutwell School. A total of \$10,000 was raised on behalf of Gonzalez, who was the

day's pedal partner, with all of the proceeds going to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

"Seeing the town support fundraising for cancer research and including our daughter in the cause makes us feel beyond supported from our community," said Kelly's mother Amy Gonzalez. "The outreach has been overwhelming from the people of Wilmington and we are so thankful."

Back in October of 2016, Kelly, 11, was diagnosed with a brain tumor, Medulloblastoma, said her mother. Kelly has already had two surgeries to remove the tumor, has spent a month at Spaulding for rehabilitation, has had Proton Beam Therapy for six weeks at Mass General Hospital, and is now in the middle of her chemo treatment, also at MGH. She will be in treatment until October of 2017, said her mother.

Kelly and Amy could not make the event on Sunday with Kelly back in the hospital, but Event Coordinator Sue Hendee, who for almost 30 years has done so much on behalf of cancer research, as well as for several families here in town who have been affected by the disease, said there's no one more deserving to get the distinction of 'Pedal Partner' than Kelly Gonzalez.

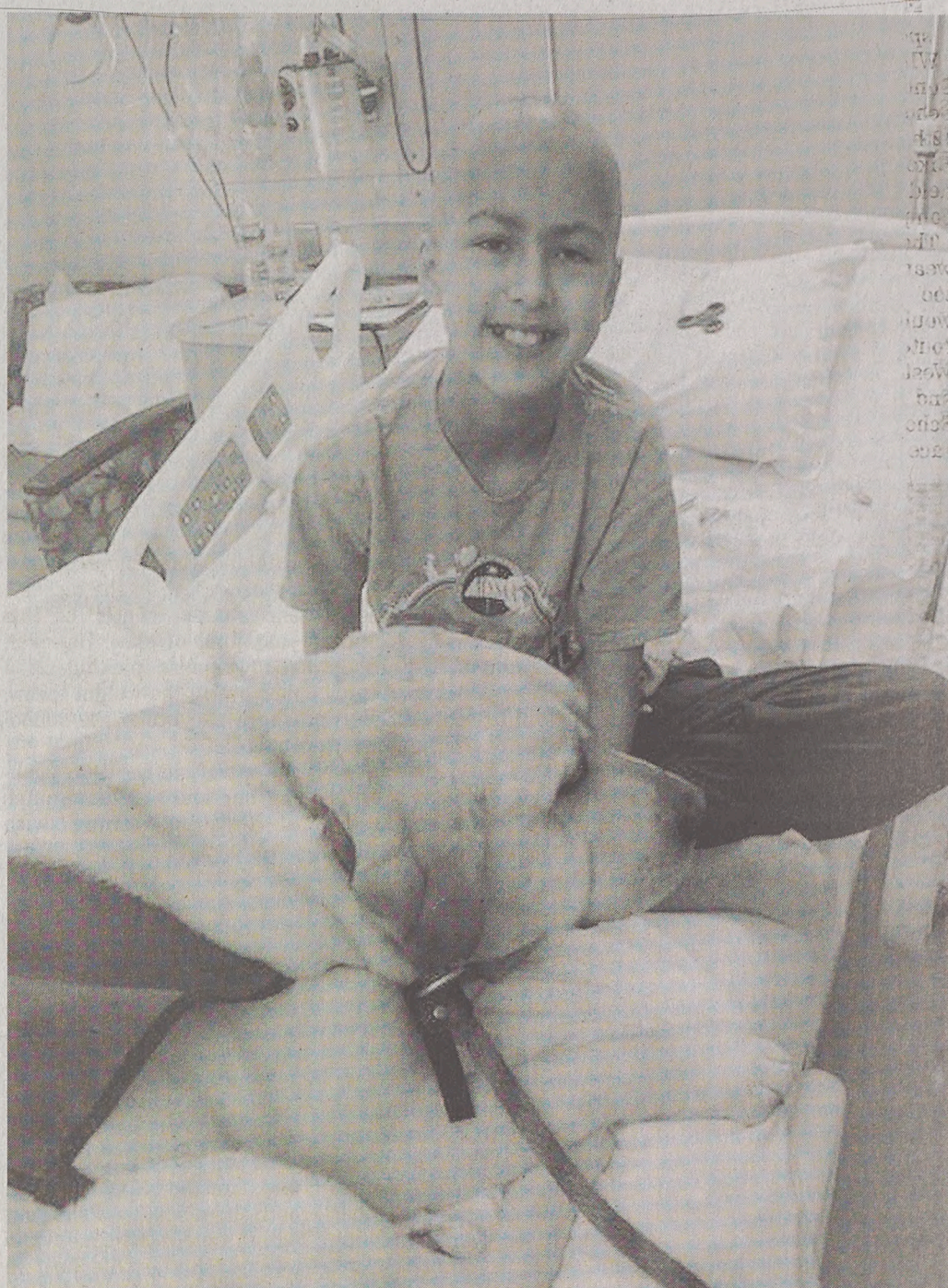
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The Gonzalez Family is incredibly thankful for the efforts of Hendee, the entire PMC Event, and the young riders who helped raise over \$10,000 on Kelly's behalf.

"We are so appreciative and thankful to be thought of in this way," said Amy.

Amy was also lost for words during the March 24th event with the WPD. It was then when Chief of Police Michael Begonis had this to say about Kelly, "You cannot take the smile off this girl's face and with what she's gone through, that's amazing stuff, folks. That's really awesome."



Wilmington resident Kelly Gonzalez, age 11, hangs out her dog at Mass General Hospital while getting treatment for brain cancer. She continues to be very brave, and of course always smiling. (courtesy photo).



Kelly Gonzalez continues to be all smiles despite dealing with some tough obstacles. (courtesy photo).

Kelly did say a few words that day stating, "You have all been so supportive during this difficult time."

Amy said that Kelly is doing a remarkable job during this incredibly tough journey, yet continues to have that smile on her face like Begonis mentioned.

"Kelly is an enthusiastic and vibrant 11-year-old," said Mom. "She is personality plus and a very compassionate girl. She loves to shop, hang out with friends, dance and do gymnastics. Despite the struggles, she is a fighter and always has a smile on her face! She is Kelly Strong!"

If you would like to donate to the PMC Event on behalf of Kelly Gonzales, you may go to: www.kids.pmc.org, click 'List of Rides' then click 'Wilmington' and follow the steps to make a donation.



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Cowden breaks another record; earns all ECAC honors

Junior takes second in discus at championship meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

WESTFIELD - It seems like only yesterday when the Town Crier was taking pictures of Kaitlyn Cowden working on her throwing events with the legendary Mr. Kelley at Wilmington High School. At that time she had just been named one of the ten winners of the statewide 'Frank Kelley Adversity Award' after overcoming several physical ordeals during her high school athletic career in track-and-field and basketball.

That was back in May of 2014 when Cowden had season best throws of 105-9 in the discus and 33-11 in the shot put.

Three years later as a junior in college, Cowden continued her tremendous success by surpassing her own Regis College school record with a mark of 126-31 in the discus to finish second at the ECAC Division 3 Championship Meet held at Gravel Track held this past Thursday.

Her second place finish earned her all ECAC Honors.

Since leaving WHS, Cowden has put a major dent into the record books at Regis. In her first year, she broke the indoor shot put record which stood for 20 years.

This past winter, she again broke the school record indoors with a throw of 38-09.25, almost five feet better than she did in high school. Now comes her latest achievement, finishing second with a school record in

the discus.

"It was obviously exciting to do this well at a meet like this," she said. "I was very happy to finish out the season with a personal best, a new school record and receiving All-ECAC honors. It's a good feeling when you start to see all the hard work you put in come together to get the outcome that you have been working towards."

"I am always looking to get better and am constantly setting new goals to work towards throughout the season. So as this was a great end to my season, I'm not satisfied just yet. I now have higher expectations for myself and greater goals to work towards. I'm looking forward to my senior season and what my final year competing will bring."

The ECAC Championship Meet was held over two days, Wednesday and Thursday. It was on the second day when Cowden finished with her best throw of the day which was 38.50 meters, or 126-31. She was just barely edged out by Trista Cunningham of Moravian College, who had the same mark of 126-31, but 38.51 meters.

"Focusing on the ECAC meet I was really going into this meet with the mentality that I had nothing to lose," she said. "I tried not to focus on what the other competitors were throwing and focus just on myself, my own technique and what I needed to do to throw my best."

"I didn't try to change anything major with my technique, only focus on what I had been working on with

the weeks leading up to the meet. In the moment of competing I really try to only focus in on what my coach is telling me and block out what the other girls are throwing and the other chaos of the meet."

Patrick Lahey, the throwing coach at Regis College, said it's been a tremendous progression for Cowden since she walked through the doors of the college back in September of '14.

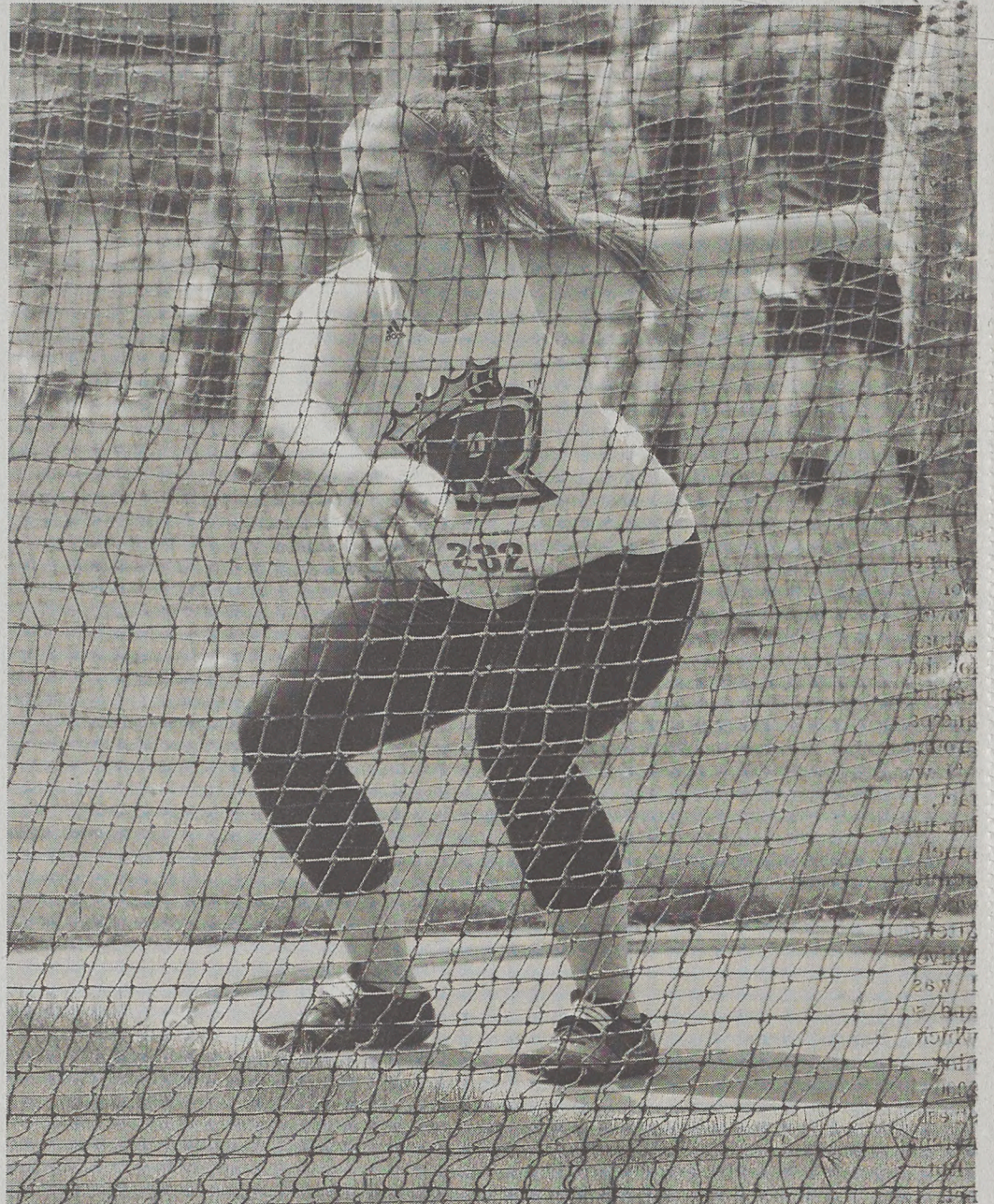
"Kate had some unfinished business this season. Following a tough 'near miss' at scoring in the New England Championship last spring (ninth in the discus), she started winter of this year kind of slow. However, she was also picking up a new event, the weight throw, where she broke the school record."

"We worked hard on pushing her and her teammates at finishing strong with training and peaking at the right time. Point in case when she threw a life best on her sixth and final attempt at the indoor New England Championship and finished with honors."

After the success in winter, this spring season started off a little bumpy until everything became smooth at the end.

"In the spring, Kate qualified (for the ECAC Meet) in both the discus and shot put within two weeks time while tossing another life best in discus at Tufts," said Lahey. "Just when you think she's steam rolling, her back starts to tighten up. This proved difficult for her in shot/disc and hammer."

"By the second to last week



Wilmington resident Kaitlyn Cowden finished second at the ECAC Championship Meet in the discus, throwing 126-31, which broke a Regis College record. (courtesy photo)



Kaitlyn Cowden earned all ECAC honors by finishing second in the discus at the league championship meet last Thursday. She gives a lot of the credit to her throwing coach, Patrick Lahey. (courtesy photo)

Wilmington resident, former NHL player, Poeck named Boston Pride Coach

Thomas Poeck, who went from his native Austria to four years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst to a 14-year professional career - including 122 games in the NHL - has been named the head coach of the NWHL's Boston Pride.

"It's great to be back in the Boston area with my family, to have the privilege of coaching these talented woman, and to be part of an outstanding franchise like the Pride," said Poeck. "I've had the chance to work with many excellent coaches over 14 years in the pros and believe I have a lot to offer these players. Together, we're going to work hard to bring the Isobel Cup back to Boston."

Poeck was known as Thomas Pock when he played parts of four seasons with the Rangers and one with the Islanders between 2004 and 2009. ("We never got the two dots over the O in my name right on my jersey at the beginning and it wasn't a big deal, so I just lived with it," Poeck laughed). He spent the last four seasons playing in his native Austria.

Poeck, his wife (whom he met at UMass Amherst) and three children are now

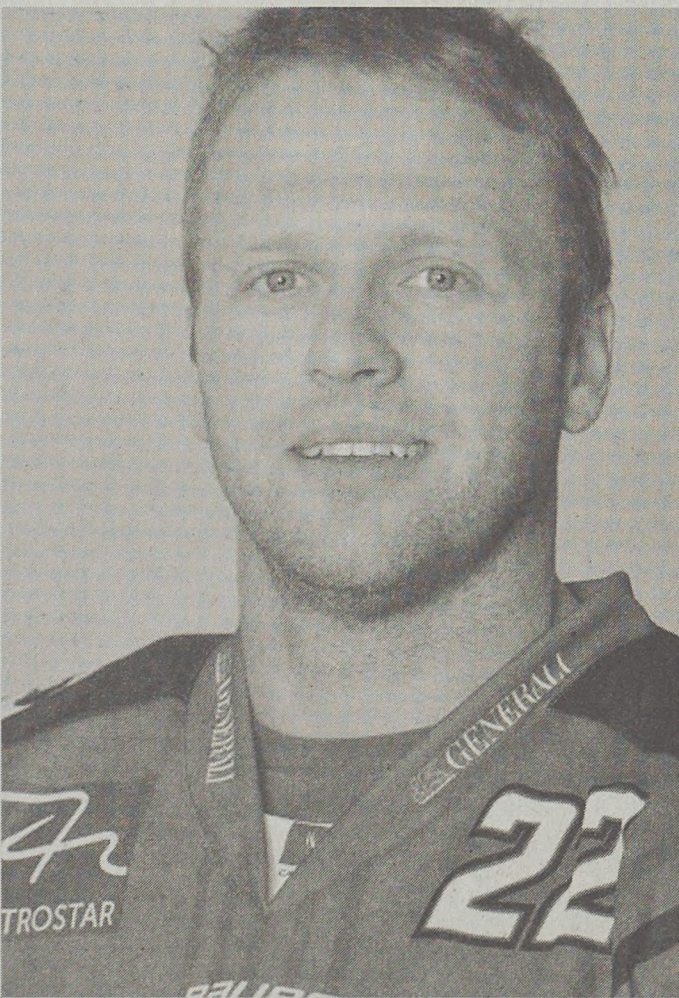
residing in Wilmington, Mass.

"My daughter is four, loves to skate and loves hockey," said Poeck. "The NWHL gives young girls a reason to dream of being a pro someday. My goal after returning from Austria was to stay in hockey. This worked out perfectly. I'm going to give my best to the Pride and the league."

Poeck succeeds Bobby Jay, who led the Pride to the Isobel Cup in 2016, the Final in 2017 and a combined regular season record of 30-4-1. Jay released the following statement:

"It was a tremendous honor and privilege to coach in the NWHL and to lead the Boston Pride! I have a tremendous amount of respect for the ladies I coached and they always gave me and the franchise everything that was asked and more. Unfortunately, my full-time job has required more of me. And on a personal level, raising two young girls, it became more difficult to commit to the time and energy the Pride need and deserve."

"I will definitely miss coaching the Pride, but I believe in the National Women's Hockey League



and its players. I will be an excited fan as the NWHL continues to grow! Lastly, I want to thank the fans in Boston for all the support they gave our team and the league."

NWHL Commissioner Dani Rylan said the following about Jay's departure: "Over two years, Bobby Jay made an everlasting impact

on the Boston Pride and the NWHL. His passion for the game is contagious and he is one of the best people you could ever hope to work with. We wish Bobby and his family the best."

Shawsheen Tech Golf Tourney, other announcements

The Shawsheen Tech Scholarship Foundation's 24th Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Indian Ridge Country Club on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

All proceeds from this event are used for scholarships for Shawsheen Technical High School graduates. Please register by clicking on the following link <http://birdeasepro.com/Shawsheen>. There are also sponsorship opportunities.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

The Shawsheen Tech Fall Varsity and JV Cheerleading tryouts will be held on from June 5-7 and June 12-14 from 5-7 pm at the Shawsheen Tech Cafeteria. If you cannot attend those dates but want to tryout, please email Coach Andrea Bendel at abendel@shawtech.org.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Shawsheen Tech Girls' basketball team is running a summer clinic for girls ages 9-14. The clinic will run the week run the from Monday, July 17 to Thursday, July 20, from 8:30-12 each day.

This instructional clinic will feature skill development and instruction from high school coaches, includ-

ing Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball coach Aimee Sueltenfuss, who has 14 years of high school coaching experience, including the last four as the Lady Rams head coach. Players will participate in drills, games and competitions as well as hear guest speakers.

The cost of the clinic is \$149, which includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, please call Aimee Sueltenfuss at 978-667-2111, or email at asueltenfuss@shawtech.org. Registration is also open online at <http://www.shawsheentech.org/athletics/summerclinic.html>.

IAR EVENTS

Into Action Recovery has announced it'll be holding a Golf Tournament to be held on June 7th as well as the second annual Run for Recovery 5K Road Race to be held September 17th at Tewksbury Memorial High School.

The golf tournament is filled up, however, there is BBQ after the completion of the event which is slated to begin at 1 pm. If you would like to attend the BBQ, it's \$20 per person. There will also be a lot of great raffle prizes.

Sole Sisters Profile

Bennett-Rizzo no longer resists to sport of running

By DAN ZIMMERMAN
Sports Correspondent

WILMINGTON -- For small children, the joyful act of running comes naturally, almost immediately following those first walking steps. But later in life, as we grow older, some individuals realize that running might not be an activity suited for them.

Take Wilmington's Carin Bennett-Rizzo, for instance. For many years, she frowned upon running and actually expressed disdain for the enterprise which had captured the commitment and participation of so many around her.

"I was never a runner, in fact, I disliked youth soccer because there was just too much running involved," admitted Bennett-Rizzo, who grew up in Lynn and attended Northeastern University. "In High School, I was a varsity swimmer and softball player, neither which required much running. I did run a little bit in 2000 but only to combat stress while studying for the nursing boards."

But like a powerful magnet, the draw toward distance running was a constant through the years and soon, Bennett-Rizzo was unable to resist. As she explained, the nonstop exposure through her husband Eric ultimately wore down her resistance.

"My husband has been a runner since we met in 1998," shared Bennett-Rizzo. "There were so many races where I was there to cheer him on. In fact, he asked me to marry at the 2003 Boston Marathon finish line. Obviously, there was an undercurrent of running in our relationship and I understood that someday, I might be out there joining him."

Someday for Bennett-Rizzo arrived in January 2015 when she took on the challenge of losing a substantial amount of weight she'd gained in college, due to inactivity and poor dietary choices. She readily admitted that "significant lifestyle changes" were essential and soon embarked on a program orchestrated by the Rebirth Body Transformation Center of Wakefield. Through nutritional counseling, coaching, and progressive workouts, Bennett-Rizzo dropped 32 pounds in 12-weeks. One thing led to another and she realized that the running "someday" was finally within her reach.

"I started my own personal training program, running and walking for eight-weeks leading up to the 2015 WOW 5K," said Bennett-Rizzo, who ultimately lost 80 pounds. "It was hard work but paid off when I successfully finished the race. I also met a number of Sole Sisters and began to explore joining their organization."

Bennett-Rizzo, 42, took the plunge soon after her inaugural race and signed on with the Sole Sisters, which is a Wilmington-based women's running club with more than 200 current members.

"At first, I was not ready to engage," she recalled. "And even after running the WOW 5K, I was tentative and did not join in any of the club's group runs. But when Coach Carmela Taveras offered a half-marathon training program in February, 2016, I accepted the opportunity."

Bennett-Rizzo joined the half-marathon family in dramatic fashion by completing the 2016 Yellowstone National in a time of 2:21.16. She described the event, a trail race, as "spectacular."

Several months later, she recorded her current personal record of 1:53:09 at the Newburyport half-marathon, finishing 38th of 228 in her 40-44 age category. Most recently, Bennett-Rizzo added a third half-marathon to her resume, completing Amesbury's Earth Rock Run in late April.

"The hills caught up with me in that race but the course was beautiful and I was one of twenty-eight Sole Sisters who participated, which was amazing."

Bennett-Rizzo paid tribute to the Sole Sisters for helping her to transform from a sedentary observer to a fledgling distance runner. She is especially grateful for the invaluable guidance from the club's knowledgeable coach, Carmela Taveras.

"The instruction and support I received from Carmela and the other women was instrumental in getting me to that first half-marathon," she said. "Carmela is such a wealth of information for new and seasoned Sole Sisters alike. I really love the track workouts for both the challenge and camaraderie."

"I have found that being part of the Rebirth community and the Sole Sisters serves as continued inspiration for my running, so much so that I am leading a Run Your First 5K group at Rebirth, inspired by the SSRC."

When she's not running, Bennett-Rizzo enjoys a large, extended family based in her former hometown of Lynn and scattered throughout the North Shore. She is employed by Partners Healthcare as a nurse practitioner and oversees clinical operations for eight clinics. She also oversees employee wellness across the Partners network. Undoubtedly, her



Wilmington resident Carin Bennett-Rizzo is a member of the Sole Sisters Running Group. (courtesy photo).

Boys Tennis program showing progress for future

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

WILMINGTON -- Better days and better seasons are certainly ahead for the Wilmington High Boys Tennis team.

A pair of 5-0 losses this past week dropped the Wildcats record on the season to 4-13 with just one match remaining, but with a filled with young and promising players, it is hard not to feel optimistic about the future of the program.

In the Wildcats most recent match, they suffered a 5-0 defeat on the road against Middlesex League rival Wakefield on Tuesday night. Prior to that, they had dropped another 5-0 decision on Friday night to two-time Middlesex League Freedom Division champion Melrose.

The Wildcats were set to wrap up their season on Wednesday on the road against Billerica, with results of that match not available as of press time.

Despite their struggles this season, Wilmington coach Rob Mailey was not discouraged by his team's record, but rather encouraged by the efforts of some of his younger players, particularly the three middle school students who played for the team due to low numbers on the varsity squad at the start of the season.

"In some ways the season went as I expected with three middle school kids playing on our team," Mailey said. "Although I will say that the middle school players worked really hard all season. They did not miss a practice and they improved as the year went on."

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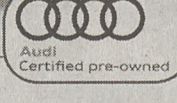


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A staff of Aces and Kings

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went the first nine before Stokes came on for the save. Gracia then was defeated by Winchester, 3-2, on a walk-off win coming on a passed ball, before beating Melrose, 4-2 for his third win of the season.

In 36.2 innings this season, he's given up just six earned runs, while striking out 26 and walking just eight.

"I'm really not surprised (with the staff's success)," said Gracia, who also plays a stellar shortstop. "As a staff we don't really dominate and we're not going out there to punch out every batter so we're all just looking to throw strikes and get easy outs."

He said that the off-season work by the entire group is one of the big reasons behind the 12-3 record.

"We were indoors at Extra Innings and when all of the snow came over at once, the dome collapsed a couple of times so that left us stranded so we had to go outside a few times in the cold," he said. "Then we were stuck in the gym for a while and that always stinks. Once we finally got on the field it was good and to see everyone chip in has been great."

Gracia throws the typical fastball, curve and change-up, but added that once or twice a game he'll throw a knuckleball to which MacEacheron said "he threw one 30 feet in the dirt."

"Last year Danny was our number three guy and this year they are co-aces of the staff," said Brian Cairra. "Grecco didn't pitch a ton last year as we relied on Jackson (Gillis) and Matt (Woods) and then Danny to a certain extent, but for Chris to be 5-0 with a 1.45 ERA is incredible, especially since he was our fourth guy last year. Danny has been just as good. On paper he is 3-2 but he lost one game when we struck out 19 times so you can't hold that against him, and he lost another game on a passed ball in the last inning against a team we should

have beat. He could easily be 5-0 too."

Grecco was coming off varsity seasons with the soccer and basketball teams, both clubs failed to make it to the state tournament. In the final basketball game, he broke his hand, which really put his off-season workout schedule behind.

"Losing Gillis was always going to be big but we would always go to Extra Innings together - everyone would be there," he said. "I broke my hand in the last game of the basketball season so I had to miss a lot of those sessions, but I still showed up. I was throwing just a few times before I broke my hand and then I didn't get back until right after tryouts had ended (in April). I was throwing during tryouts but I just couldn't catch the ball and that was weird to have someone else catch the ball for me."

Since then, Grecco has gone 5-0 this season with a 1.48 ERA. He has come away with wins over Lexington (3-2), Wakefield (10-3), Burlington (6-2), Wakefield for the second time (8-0) and Stoneham (9-3). In 33 innings this season, he has struck out 29 batters, has walked 11 and given up just seven earned runs.

"Pitcher's wins are a useless stat," said a modest Grecco. "I knew that if I could just do my job and throw strikes that I would have the defense behind me. Danny makes every play (at shortstop) and Graham (in centerfield) has been awesome. Anytime there's a ball hit to Graham with a runner at second, I know he's going to throw the guy out at home."

Grecco added that not only does credit belong to the other pitchers, the entire team's defense, but also to catcher Robbie DuCharme as well as pitching Coach Brian Cairra.

"Robbie is the best blocking (catcher) I have ever thrown to," said Grecco. "He is great at blocking balls in the dirt. He's come a

long way, plus he is hitting this year. He's just easy to throw to. I know that if the pitch is in the dirt, it's going to get blocked. I have confidence in throwing my curveball knowing he is there."

"Brian calls the pitches. I am one hundred percent confident in whatever he wants me to throw. I don't shake him off. If he wants me to throw a 2-0 curveball, I'll throw a curveball on a 2-0 count. I trust him completely. And with (head coach) Aldo (Caira), he always wants to take me out of the games and I fight with him (to stay in). I get high with my pitch counts and I always try to stay in the game longer than I should, but he usually lets me go and hopefully when he does, we don't regret it."

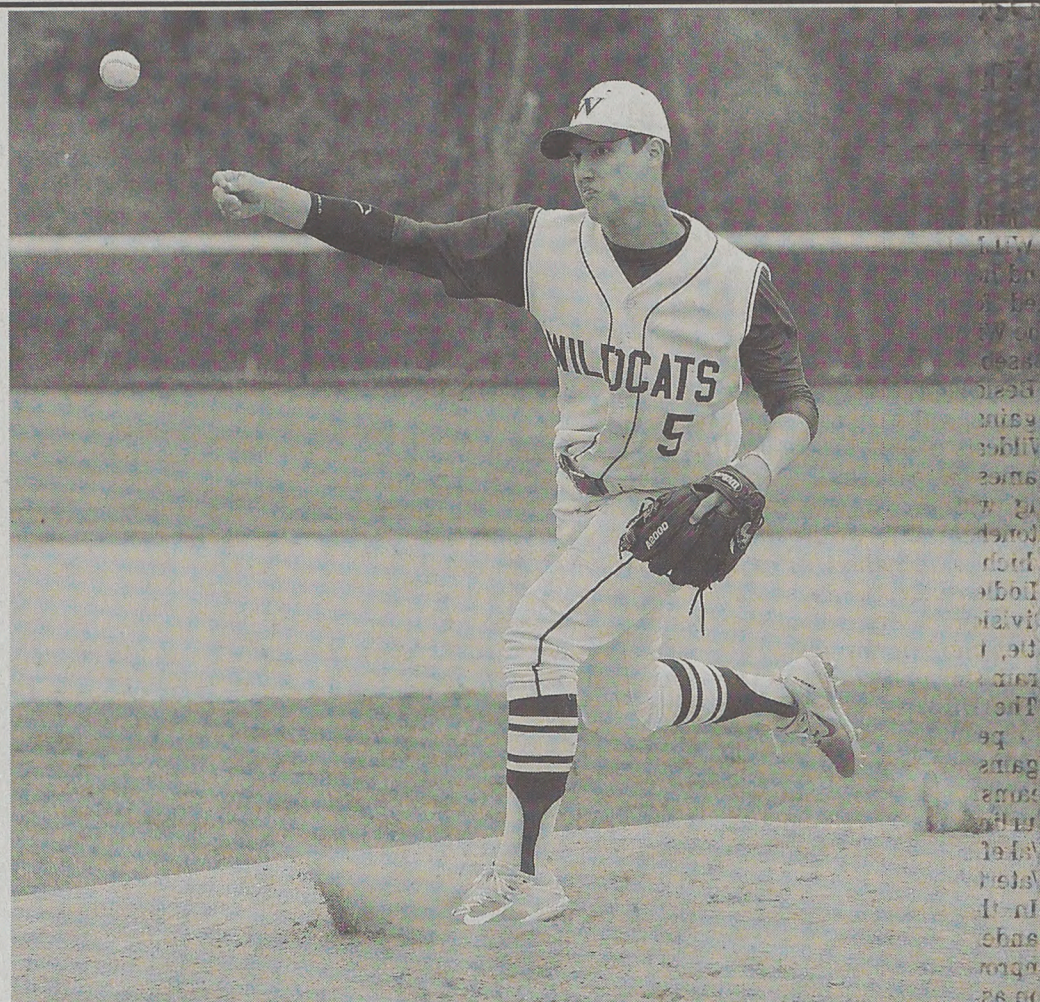
Grecco also throws in the mid 80s, but he seems to throw his curveball a lot more than the others on the staff. He said he used to throw the knuckle-curve before adjusting and strictly now going to the 12-to-6 breaking ball.

"Danny brings it pretty good and Chris brings it pretty good," said Brian Cairra. "I think they are both in the 80 (mile per hour range). We don't have any 90 mile per hour kids and no one is really throwing high 80s. Grecco and Gracia are just hitting their spots and the other guys are really locating their pitches. They don't throw as hard so maybe mid 70s."

That's where MacEacheron comes in. Last year he had just a few innings under his belt.

"I pitched one game and got lit up," he said with a laugh. "We were down 8-0 against Burlington (and I came on in relief) and the final score was 13-0. I really gave the coach something to look forward to (for this season)."

Entering this season, Aldo Cairra knew that Gracia and Grecco would be his 1-2 starters and Smith would be his closer. Smith went down with a pre-season injury, so



Wilmington High School junior Chris Grecco is 6-1 as a starting pitcher for the Middlesex League Freedom Division League Champion Wildcat Baseball team.

(Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

many questions came about as the season started. In game three, he gave the ball to MacEacheron against Tewksbury, and the kid came through with a complete game win.

"Coach told me that he wanted four or five strong innings and I'm not someone who has a dominating fastball," said MacEacheron. "I just throw right down the middle of the plate and I have these two guys (Grecco and Gracia) behind me and I know they are going to make the plays."

MacEacheron's next outing was the 6-1 loss to Arlington, but then he came back and threw a 62-pitch complete game in a 3-1 win over Watertown. In six of the seven innings, he retired the side in order.

"I got into a nice rhythm and was just throwing strikes," he said of that game. "I didn't really try to do anything special. I only had four strikeouts. I just try to go right at the hitters and let these guys make the

plays behind me. I don't care about strikeouts as long as I can get the team back in the dugout."

The other starter, Stokes, has quietly picked up two wins and a save. In 14.1 innings, he has given up just three earned runs. He has walked just two batters and struck out eight. He picked up wins over Watertown (4-3) and Melrose (5-3) and also had the save for Gracia in the extra inning win over Stoneham.

"I've been impressed with Chris Stokes and Darin MacEacheron just as much as I am with Grecco and Gracia," said Brian Cairra. "For Stokes to come on to a team with a bunch of guys who have been around for a while, as a sophomore, Chris has done a great job. Then Darin throws a 62-pitch complete game. That is crazy. He just threw strikes. (Aldo) always harps on first pitch strikes and Darin was 21-of-24 in that game. When you get a first pitch strike over you are good shape, big

time." What is really remarkable, or big-time is the performances collectively. The group has combined to go 12-3 with a 1.32 ERA and have held opposing batters to a .203 average, while walking 24 batters in 106.2 innings.

"Something has to be said about the defense," said Brian Cairra. "We are playing great defense behind these kids. The best part of it is some of them are also the best defenders on the team. Danny Gracia gets Grecco some outs, Grecco gets Gracia some outs, it's nice and when someone else is pitching, they have both of those guys on the left side of the infield. We have been lucky and I haven't seen a high school team play defense like this. We have Carl Beatrice, who is our back-up third baseman, make plays that everyday third basemen don't make. It's really been fun to watch."

'Cats take league title; Coach Cairra wins 150th game

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that Cairra has been behind the bench. He won one title during the team's days in the Cape Ann League in 2008 and now has won ML Freedom Division titles in 2012, '14 and now '17. The team's 3-1 win over Tewksbury on Tuesday was win No. 150 for Cairra.

"Sixteen years and 150 wins - it's been a good run," said Cairra. "But it's not about the wins. It's about the kids and the game that I try to teach them. As a varsity coach, you always keep winning and championships as a goal, but I also want the kids to have fun, learn to play the game

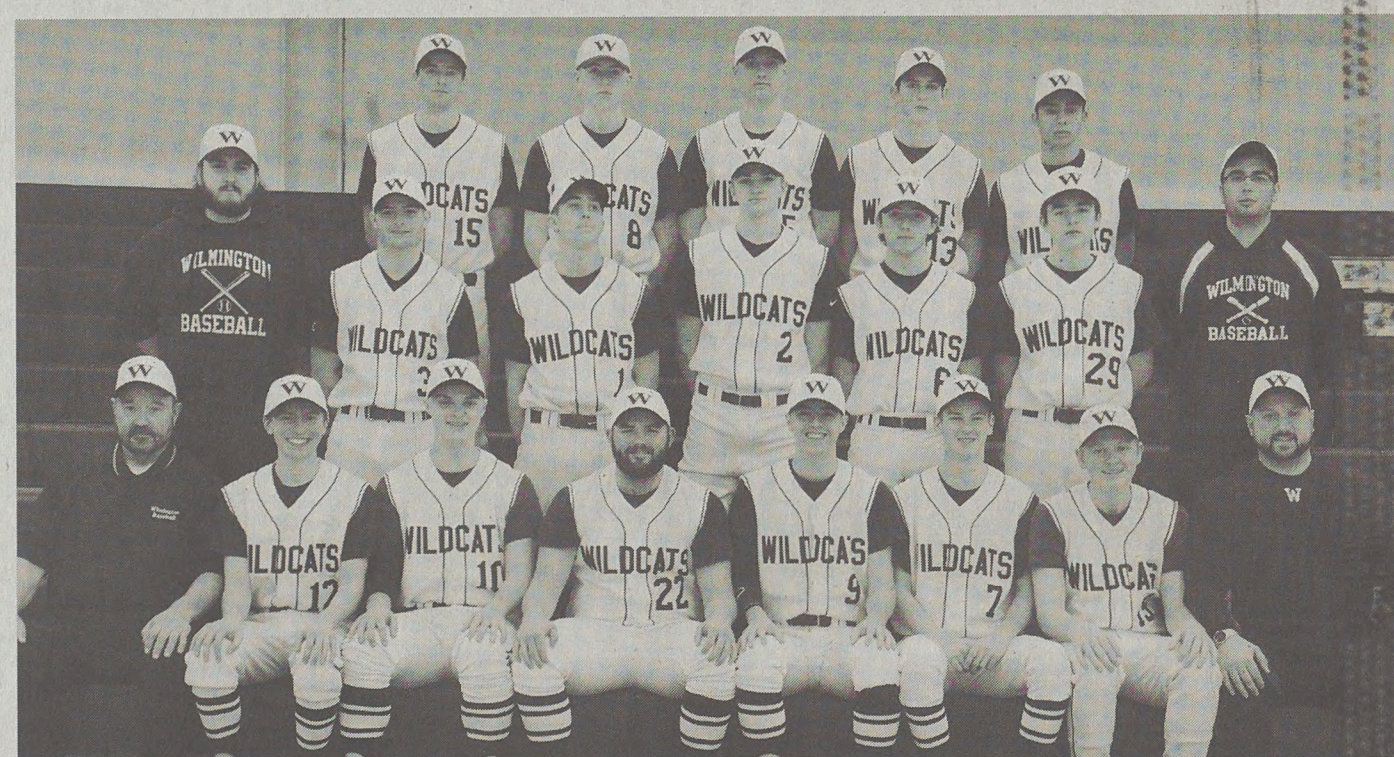
the right way and hopefully whether it be baseball in college or life, move on with a greater passion for things and want to do the best they can. Sportsmanship, team work and the love for this great game will help them do that. That's my ultimate goal."

Cairra took over before the 2002 season after the passing of Dick Scanlon, who coached the team from 1980 to 2001 compiling 300 wins exactly. That means since 1980, the baseball program has won 450 games in 38 years, giving the team almost 12 wins per season.



In his 16th year as head coach, Aldo Cairra won his 150th game on Tuesday, a 3-1 contest over Tewksbury.

(Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)



This past week the WHS Varsity Baseball team captured the Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title, which included going 10-0 against the league competition. The team includes: front row from left: Head Coach Aldo Cairra, Maxwell Hubbard, Steve Bonish, captain David Woods, captain Danny Gracia, Robbie DuCharme, Darin MacEacheron and Assistant Coach Brian Cairra; Middle row from left: Assistant Coach John Keough, Graham Smith, Jarred Aucoin, Riley Zaya, Gavin Kelsey and Assistant Coach Bill O'Connor; Back row from left: Chris Stokes, Carl Beatrice, Chris Grecco, Matthew Rideout and Benjamin Maynard. Missing from photo: Tom Worob.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

Wildcats (understandably) snooze past Redmen

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WILMINGTON - Already having played eight games in 13 days, winning seven of them, along with winning the Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title and clinch a state tournament berth, the Wilmington High School Baseball team had every reason to be fatigued and a little flat when they entertained a 1-16 Tewksbury team on Tuesday afternoon at Scanlon Memorial Field.

The Wildcats were flat, managing just one hit through the first four innings but led 1-0 against a team that has really struggled offensively all season long. Wilmington was able to string three solid hits together in the fifth inning to score

two more runs which was enough to come away with the 3-1 non-league victory.

The win puts Wilmington at 14-4 on the season, with two games left this weekend in the annual Scanlon Memorial Tournament.

"We always give each other a game," said head coach Aldo Cairra, who won his 150th game in 16 years as the head coach. "Our guys looked a little bit tired in the early innings and then they woke up a little. We can't play this way going forward if we want to do what we want (in the state tournament)."

Junior right-hander Chris Grecco improved to 6-1 on the season as he went the distance giving up an unearned run on five hits, while walking one, hitting another and striking out three. Wilmington also

struggled defensively in this game making three errors.

Tewksbury stranded eight runners, including six in scoring position. The Redmen had first-and-second with two out in the first, bases loaded with no outs in the second, and then left a runner at second in both the third and fourth innings.

"Grecco struggled a bit early on and sometimes that's happened but later in the game he just got stronger," said Cairra. "The other coaches were saying 'let's get (Graham) Smith into the game and I said 'no, let's hold off a batter' and I thought Chris pitched much better in the later innings. That's just the way he has pitched all season. He usually battles in the first couple of innings and then gets better."

"Getting out of the bases

loaded, no-out jam in the second inning was huge. That was tremendous. The kids buckled down and thankfully we got out of that."

Wilmington scored a run in the bottom of the first. Graham Smith got hit by a pitch and then easily stole second and third. After a strikeout, Tommy Worob hit a chopper to third and was thrown out at first, while Smith came in to score.

With one out and the bases empty in the bottom of the fifth, Matt Rideout got things going with a single to center field. Worob then laced a double into the right-center gap driving in Rideout with the game-winning run. Worob finished the day going 1-for-2 with a double, a run scored, a walk and two RBI.

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Baseball team also defeats Stoneham and Burlington; fall to Reading

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WILMINGTON - The busy and hectic schedule continued for another week for the Wilmington High School Baseball team.

Besides Tuesday's game against Tewksbury, the Wildcats played three other games this past week, starting with a 9-3 win over Stoneham last Wednesday, which clinched the Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title, the first for the program since 2014.

The Wildcats polished off a perfect 10-0 record against Freedom Division teams, sweeping Burlington, Melrose, Wakefield, Stoneham and Watertown.

In the win, junior right-hander Chris Grecco improved to 5-0 on the season as he tossed a complete game victory. He gave up three earned runs, while walking three and striking out eight.

Wilmington trailed 1-0 and 3-1 before scoring five runs in the bottom of the third to put the team ahead and they never looked back.

'Cats snooze past Redmen

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"Tommy has had a tremendous season," said Cairra. "He went through a little bit of a slump around four or five games ago, and then he started to hit the ball. He seemed to be a little more relaxed at the plate. He had a nice 4-for-4 day against Reading the other day. He put the bat on the ball."

"I moved him down in the order. At the start of the season he was hitting first, then he moved to second and today I moved him to the third spot hoping he could get into some RBI spots because the way he hit

Five of the nine hitters in the line-up had two hits, including Graham Smith, Jared Aucoin, Dan Gracia, Rob DuCharme and Carl Beatrice who all finished 2-for-3. Aucoin and Gracia had two RBI each, while Smith, DuCharme and Tom Worob (1 hit) each had 1 RBI.

Smith once again provided the defensive highlights making a catch in center field before throwing out his third runner at the plate for the double play, which ended a Stoneham threat coming in the sixth inning.

On Friday night, Wilmington traveled next door to Billerica to take on Burlington in a night game under the lights at the new beautiful complex at Shawsheen Tech. This time the 'Cats made it seven wins in a row, improving the team's record to 13-3 with an 8-5 win over the Red Devils.

Burlington took a quick 3-0 lead as Wilmington made several errors leading to three unearned runs. Wilmington got one back as Gracia walked and eventually came around on a wild pitch and a throwing error.

against Reading."

After Worob's double, he then scored on another line drive hit, this one by Jared Aucoin for a sharp single to right center.

Tewksbury then scored a run in the top of the sixth, before Grecco retired the side in order in the top of the seventh.

Rideout, Worob, Aucoin and Carl Beatrice had the hits for Wilmington. The 'Cats also stole five bases with Smith and Aucoin with two each and Rideout with one.

Then in the top of the fifth, the Wildcats sent ten batters to the plate with six scoring on four hits. Gracia started the rally with a single, and then advanced to second when the next batter Beatrice reached on a misplayed fly ball. Gavin Kelsey followed with a RBI single scoring Gracia. Grecco then came off the bench and supplied a single to score Beatrice, while both runners moved up a base on a throwing error. Smith walked to load the bases for Worob, who lofted a fly ball to score Kelsey.

Matt Rideout then followed and he reached first on a wild pitch coming on strike three, which scored Grecco and moved Smith to third. Rideout then stole second and Aucoin then drove both teammates home on a single.

Wilmington padded its lead with two more runs including DuCharme scoring from third on a back end of a double steal.

Gracia was able to settle down after the rough first inning. He went the first six innings giving up just two earned runs on eight hits, while walking three and striking out five. Smith came on and pitched a scoreless seventh to earn his third save of the season. He also threw out two more runners at second base from his center field position.

On Sunday afternoon, Wilmington was back on the road for another quick stop, this time at Reading. The two teams met up to complete a game which started on May 8th but was suspended when a Reading player was injured. Reading had a 3-0 lead, and the Rockets were able to come away with a 10-3 win, ending Wilmington's winning streak at seven and putting their record to 13-4. Worob



Wilmington High senior Robbie DuCharme gets caught in a rundown during a recently played home game against Wakefield. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

had an impressive game going 4-for-4 with a double and he scored a run. DuCharme also added a double, two walks and scored a run.

Grecco took the loss although he didn't pitch as he was the starter when the original game got suspended.

Wilmington will conclude its regular season this weekend in the annual Dick Scanlon Memorial Day Weekend tournament held at the Scanlon Memorial Field. This year's teams include Greater Lawrence, Winchester and Revere, coached by Wilmington resident Ron Jordan.

The 'Cats will face Gr. Lawrence on Saturday morning at 10:00 am, and if they win that, they will be in the championship game Sunday at 3 pm against Revere/Winchester winner. The consolation game is scheduled for 12 pm.

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	May 25	V Softball	at North Andover	3:45 pm
Thursday	May 25	V Baseball	vs Burlington at Hav	7:00 pm
Friday	May 26	V Softball	vs Burlington at UML	4:30 pm
Saturday	May 27	B/G Track	D3 States at Burlington	10:00 am
Saturday	May 27	V Baseball	at Haverhill Tourney	TBA
Wilmington High Sports				
Friday	May 26	V Softball	vs Everett	4:00 pm
Saturday	May 26	B/G Track	D3 States at Burlington	10:00 am
Saturday	May 26	V Baseball	vs Gr. Lawrence	10:00 am
Saturday	May 26	V Softball	vs Woburn	12:00 pm
Sunday	May 27	V Baseball	vs Revere/Winchester	12 or 3 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	May 26	V Baseball	vs Bedford	7:00 pm
Saturday	May 27	B/G Track	D3 States - Burlington	10:00 am

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The WHS Boys Tennis team is finishing up its season this week. The seniors who played in their final match, along with head coach Rob Mailey (left) and assistant coach Ray Meyers, right, include from left, John Le, Bradley Eckelkamp, Evan Meyers, Zach Marcinkowski and Panayiotis Hatzis. Missing from photo: Zach Ayvazian. (photo by Maureen Brady).

Boys Tennis program showing promise

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The middle schoolers were led by seventh grader Anay Gandhi, who saw action throughout the season for the Wildcats, along with eighth graders Colby Scaplan and Jared Benoit. The Wildcats also got big efforts from fellow underclassmen, sophomores Chris Spinazola and Eric Ayvazian.

While the future certainly looks bright for the Wildcats, they also must deal with the loss of five key seniors off of this year's squad, including captain and four year starter and number one singles player Evan Meyers, along with number two singles player Zach Ayvazian and doubles players Zach Marcinkowski, Panayiotis Hatzis and John Le.

"That will be a big blow for us, particularly Evan, who was a four year starter for us, and did a great job for us as captain this season," Mailey said. "Zach was a real solid number two for us this season, and he was a really good influence on the young kids coming up. Panayiotis was a real solid contributor for us, even though we only had him for one year after he transferred from Austin Prep, and I think John Le was

maybe the single most improved player on the team."

With a talented group of players returning to next year's lineup, Mailey is confident the Wildcats can take a big step forward, but he also realizes that it will not be possible without the returning players committing themselves to improving their game.

"The players need to be in a tennis program, playing all year round," Mailey said. "That is what the successful Middlesex League programs do, and that is what we need to do."

The last time the Wildcats played Wakefield earlier in the season, they had come away with a hard fought 3-2 win, but in Tuesday's Senior Night victory, Wilmington took control from the start and never looked back.

Sophomore Lia Kourkoutas had one of the most impressive wins of the night for the Wildcats, cruising to victory in third singles by a score of 6-4, 6-4. Wilmington coach Matt Hackett has loved what

he has seen from Kourkoutas as of late.

"Lia has improved a lot on her serve," Hackett said. "It has gone from being just good to being a weapon for her over the past few weeks. Also, she is in such good shape, she chases down everything. She is just playing really well."

Sophomore Emily Hill cruised to a 6-4, 6-1 victory in first singles, while junior Sam Maragioglio earned a 6-3, 4-6, 7-4 victory in second doubles.

"Emily was better today than she was the last time she played Wakefield," Hackett said. "Even though the scores were pretty similar to last time, she really didn't have her A-game in that one. Today she played her game and she played really well, especially in the second set when she took control of the match."

Hackett was equally impressed with Maragioglio's efforts in second singles, where she bounced back from a loss the last time the Wildcats faced Wakefield.

"She actually played well the last time out against

Wakefield, but she came up a little short," Hackett said. "But today she as incredibly mentally tough and she took control of the match in the super tiebreaker in the third set. Her mental toughness has improved so much not just this season, but over the past couple years. I am so proud of her and everything she has done."

Wilmington also got wins in both doubles matches, with the first doubles team of senior Christina Woods and freshman Carolyn Roney rolling to a 6-2, 6-3 victory, while seniors Christina Wright and Lauren Field picked up a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

"Christina and Carolyn have really hit their stride as a team. Their consistency is right where we need it to be," Hackett said, of his first doubles team. "Lauren and Christina lost last time against Wakefield in second doubles, so for them to come out today and win in straight sets the way they did says a lot about them and a lot about how much they have grown as a team."

Hackett will of course be looking for continued improved play from his team once the tournament pairings are announced next Tuesday. Regardless of how things go in the tournament for the Wildcats, this season has to be deemed a great success, but Hackett is hoping for more than just a token appearance in the post season.

"It's very exciting for us," Hackett said. "I think we have a shot at a home match. In a way we are just happy to be there, but now that we have accomplished one goal, we want to move on to the next one and see what we can do in the tournament. These girls have an opportunity to make some noise."

The Wildcats were set to wrap up their season on Wednesday against Billerica, with the results of the match unknown as of press time, and following that match, they will be back in action next week in the state tournament.

This year's WHS Girls Tennis team is headed to the state tournament for the first time since 2009. The team includes front row from left: Lauren Field, Samantha Maragioglio, Christina Woods and Christina Wright; Middle row from left: Sydney Padulsky, Jill Roche, Abby Melvin, Krista Brown, Jessica D'Arco and Coach Matt Hackett; Back row from left: Leah Kourkoutas, Emily Hill, Gabby Bond, Emily Gear, Carolyn Rooney. Missing from photo: Fariha Haque. (Photo by Maureen Brady).

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **MANUEL J. BARRY, JR., AS TRUSTEE OF BARRY FAMILY TRUST** dated January 28, 1992 and registered with the Middlesex (Northern District) Registry of the Land Court (the "Registry") as Document No. 138602, to **THE LOWELL FIVE CENT SAVINGS BANK** dated September 14, 2010 and registered with the Registry as Document No. 259502 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 30036 in Book 153, Page 71 (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the "Mortgagee") is the present holder by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 12, 2016 and registered with the Registry as Document No. 286704 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 30036 in Book 153, Page 71, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 312 Main Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land situate in Wilmington in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by the northeasterly line of Main St., one hundred thirty-two and 51/100 (132.51) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Donald W. O'Connell et al,

one hundred fifteen and 13/100 (115.13) feet;

Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Donald W. O'Connell et al and Lot 5, by two lines measuring together, two hundred sixty-seven and 36/100 (267.36) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Francis Bannister et al, twenty-eight and 90/100 (28.90) feet;

Southeasterly two hundred six and 86/100 (206.86) feet;

Northeasterly forty-three and 54/100 (43.54) feet, by Lot 6;

Southeasterly by Lot 2, sixty-three (63) feet;

Southwesterly by Lots 2 and Lot 3, fifty-seven and 64/100 (57.64) feet; and

Southeasterly by Lot 3, eighty-five and 27/100 (85.27) feet.

Said land is shown as Lot four (4) on a plan hereinafter mentioned.

Also another certain parcel of land situate in said Wilmington, bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Donald W. O'Connell et al, thirty-two and 50/100 (32.50) feet;

Northwesterly by lands now or formerly of Edward J. Irwin et al and Fred D. Cain et al, one hundred fifty-seven and 57/100 (157.57) feet;

Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Francis Bannister et al, thirty-two and 99/100 (32.99) feet; and

Southeasterly by Lot 4, one hundred sixty-three and 27/100 (163.27) feet.

Said land is shown as Lot five (5) on said plan.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on subdivision plan 33830-B, drawn by Robert E. Anderson Inc., Surveyors, dated November 5, 1984, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title 28337.

For my title see Certificate of Title Number 30036, Book 153, Page 71.

EXCLUDING FROM SAID SALE Lot 11 as shown on Land Court Plan 33830F registered with the Registry and as described in (i) a Deed registered with the Registry as Document No. 260867 and noted on Certificate of Title No. C7 in Book 1, Page 13, and (ii) a Partial Release of Real Estate Mortgage registered with the Registry as Document No. 260894 and noted on Certificate of Title No. C7 in Book 1, Page 13.

The description of the premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Said premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, encroachments, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/or otherwise having priority over the Mortgage, if there be any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, non-refundable, is to be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid in certified or bank cashier's check and deed to be taken by purchaser within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Lombardo, DeVellis & Smith, LLP, 41 North Road Suite 203, Bedford, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the adjourned sale.

In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser to perform and to purchase the premises in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for the premises, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers the premises to the second highest bidder and such person declines either to purchase the premises at the second highest bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase the premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.

CL MAIN STREET, LLC
Present holder of said Mortgage

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"A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Wilmington, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more commonly known as Lot 9 as shown on the Plan of Land entitled, 'Subdivision of lots 4 and 7A Land Court case number 33830D-1 and 33830B, Wilmington, Massachusetts, Scale 1"=40'; dated August 18, 2009, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc., Wilmington, MA', Land Court Plan No. 33830E; and A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Wilmington, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more commonly known as Lot 10 as shown on the Plan of Land entitled, 'Subdivision of lots 4 and 7A Land Court case number 33830D-1 and 33830B, Wilmington, Massachusetts, Scale 1"=40'; dated August 18, 2009, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc., Wilmington, MA', Land Court Plan No. 33830E; and

The exclusive Easement for the parcel identified as Easement 8A as shown on the Plan of Land entitled, 'Subdivision of lots 4 and 7A Land Court case number 33830D-1 and 33830B, Wilmington, Massachusetts, Scale 1"=40'; dated August 18, 2009, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc., Wilmington, MA', Land Court Plan No. 33830E. The easement is conveyed subject to the condition that Grantee not pave any additional land subject to the easement beyond the existing pavement.

For my title see Deed from The New Bird Cage, LLC, et al dated December 17, 2009 and filed with the Middlesex North Registry of the Land Court as Document Number 260855, Certificate of Title Number 40409 in Book 205, Page 13."

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Softball team takes three of four and qualifies for state tournament

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON – Instead of softball, it seemed like a couple of football games were played this week.

The Wilmington High School softball team blanked Stoneham, 7-0, last Wednesday to qualify for the state tournament.

Then on Friday, the team was trounced by Burlington, 12-0, as the Red Devils captured the Middlesex League Freedom Division league championship for the seventh straight season.

On Monday night, Wilmington regrouped with their own 12-0 win over Winchester during Senior Night. The team honored its four seniors: Jen Dovidio, Shannon Horgan, Chloe LeBlanc and Morgan McLaughlin.

On Tuesday, Wilmington defeated Cambridge, 1-0. The lone run came on a RBI single by Adele Burton, to score Antonia Kieran, who had doubled.

Cambridge also pulled off a comeback as they had runners at second and third with one out in the seventh inning but two great catches by shortstop Dana Goulet and second baseman Liz Gordon ended the threat and the game.

The 3-1 week puts Wilmington at 12-5 overall. The team has three games left on the schedule including a second game with Cambridge on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime, then another non-league contest with Everett on Thursday at 4, before finishing up with Woburn on Sunday at noon.

The game against Stoneham was a fundraising event with proceeds going to help cure pediatric cancer.

As for the game itself, Wilmington got on the scoreboard with three runs in the bottom of the second inning including a RBI double by Ally Moran and a RBI single by Ryan Bailey. The 'Cats added four more runs in the fifth to put the game away. Dana Goulet led off with a bunt single. Shannon Horgan followed with a two-run homerun. Antonia Kieran followed with a walk and would later score on a RBI triple by Liz Gordon. Bailey then drove home Gordon for her second RBI on the night.

Moran was the winning pitcher as she went the distance for the complete game shut out which included ten strikeouts.

After the loss to Burlington, Wilmington got back in the win column with a 12-0 win over Winchester. Senior Chloe LeBlanc started things offensively with a two-run triple. She later scored on the first of four RBI by fellow senior Jen Dovidio.

Wilmington then broke the game open by sending 14 players to the plate in the bottom of the third. Kieran came up twice and had a single and stolen base before belting a home run. Horgan added a double and a pair of RBI, and Moran finished 3-for-3 with 2 RBI and two runs scored.

The Division 2 North sectional tournament pairings will be announced on Tuesday. This will be the team's third straight appearance in the state tournament, losing to Gloucester, 9-6 in the first round last year and Arlington the year before, 6-0. Wilmington didn't qualify in 2012, '13 and '14 and before that the 'Cats were defeated by Tewksbury 8-1 in the first round back in 2011 and in '10 the team surpassed Swampscott, 7-5 before losing to North Reading, 6-5.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

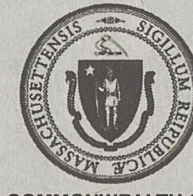
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Relief from Parking Special Permit #17-04 plan entitled, "Layout & Materials Plan, 15 Industrial Way, Wilmington, MA", dated April 4, 2017 submitted May 12, 2017, prepared by Timothy J. Williams, Professional Engineer, Allen & Major Associates, Inc., 100 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801. Said property is located at 15 Industrial Way, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 46 Parcel 101. The Applicant requests striping 54 parking spaces where 77 parking spaces are required.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino,
Chair
Wilmington
Planning Board
170597 5/17/24/17

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Docket No.
MH17C0356CA

In the matter of:
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Bagrowski A Minor By Mother,
Kristen E. Johnson
Of: Wilmington, MA

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Kaitlyn E. Bagrowski requesting that: Kaitlyn Elizabeth Bagrowski A Minor By Mother, Kristen E. Johnson be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: Kaitlyn Elizabeth Bagrowski Johnson.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Cambridge ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 06/14/2017.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court
Date: May 19, 2017
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
170603 5/24/17

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 19-17
James Smith
Map 21 Parcel 8B

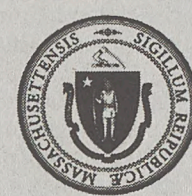
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.6.7.7 Ground Water Protection District for property located 3 Cushing Drive.

Case 20-17
Michael Welch
Map 88 Parcel 93

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations (Table II) §5.2.3, to construct a new dwelling on a lot having insufficient lot width for property located on 5 High Street.

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LEGAL NOTICE



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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No.
MH17P1422EA

Estate of:
Emery E. Boudreau
Date of Death:
June 17, 2016

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Gail C. Boudreau of Chelmsford MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Gail C. Boudreau of Chelmsford MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
170607 5/24/17

LEGAL NOTICE



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THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
TO EXPAND
THE POWERS
OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No.
MI15P1927GD

In the interests of:
Richard B. Soper
of Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other

interested persons, a petition has been filed by David W. Soper of Tyngsboro, MA, Walter H. Soper of Natick, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/12/2017. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this

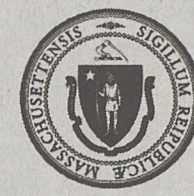
matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 15, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
170617 5/24/17

LEGAL NOTICE



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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

Docket No.
MH17P2562EA

Estate of:
Duane F. Smith
Date of Death:
05/01/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Per-

sonal Representative has been filed by Donald Smith of Peabody MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Donald Smith of Peabody MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 06/14/2017.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written

appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 17, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
170606 5/24/17

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No.
MH17P2326GD

In the matter of:
Warren Pizzello, Jr.
formerly of Tewksbury
now Of: Beverly, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a

petition has been filed by Caroline Ramsdell of Fort Wayne, IN, Susan Collins of Fort Wayne, IN in the above captioned matter alleging that Warren Pizzello, Jr. is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Caroline Ramsdell of Fort Wayne, IN, Susan Collins of Fort Wayne, IN (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/05/2017. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if

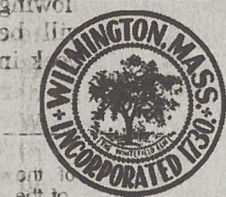
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WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 08, 2017

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
170599 5/24/17

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on June 6, 2017 at 8:30 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Definitive Subdivision Modification #17-01, plan entitled, "Detail Sheet, Garden of Eden, Wilmington, Massachusetts" dated January 7, 2016 and last revised on May 1, 2017, submitted on May 12, 2017, prepared by Douglas E. Lees, Professional Engineer, Land Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc., 130 Middlesex Rd., Tyngsboro, MA 01879. Said property is located at 3-28 & 30 Green Meadow Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 2 Parcels 201-206, 223, 223A, 224, 224A & 225 and Map 3 Parcels 207-222. The subdivision modification includes a waiver request to install Type VB granite curb instead of the required Type VA4.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino,
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Margaret Mary Murphy aka Margaret Mary Palazzolo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, dated April 28, 2008 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 22136, Page 57, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank Of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (aka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP) dated September 9, 2011 and recorded with said registry on September 15, 2011 at Book 25249 Page 231 and by assignment from Bank Of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC dated October 15, 2012 and recorded with said registry on October 26, 2012 at Book 26570 Page 199 and by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage, LLC to

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated August 18, 2016 and recorded with said registry on September 21, 2016 at Book 30458 Page 214, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 114 BROWN STREET, TEWKSBURY, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon, in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated on the Southerly side of Brown Street, being shown as Lots 963, 964, 965 and 966 on a plan of land entitled "Land in Tewksbury, October 3, 1947, Dana F. Perkins, Civil Engineer & Surveyor," which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 73, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by said Brown Street, 100.09 feet;
EASTERLY by Lot 962 on said plan, 80.20 feet;
SOUTHERLY by Lots

861, 860, 859 and 858 on said plan, 100 feet; and
WESTERLY by Greenhalge Street, as shown on said plan, 77.14 feet.

Containing 7,943.5 square feet of land according to said plan. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgage (s) by deed recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds herewith.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22136, Page 55.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST

Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201504-0176 - PRP 170581 5/17,24,31/17

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Diana A. Chidsey f/k/a Diana A. Brensilber and Merrill A. Chidsey to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, dated November 30, 2004 and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18185, Page 20 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 is the present holder by assignment from Citi Residential Lending Inc., as Attorney-in-Fact for Argent Mortgage Company, LLC to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for, Argent Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-W1, Sale and Servicing Agreement dated April 19, 2005 dated February 13, 2009 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22755, Page 187 and corrective assignment from Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C. to Deutsche Bank

National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 dated April 30, 2015 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29146, Page 294, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 310 River Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on June 14, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Tewksbury with the buildings thereon now supposed to be numbered 310 River Road, situated on the Northerly side of River Road, and being shown as Lot 4A on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, Mass., for Henry B. Trull", dated March 28, 1996, Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc., C. E., which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 103, Plan 124B, and thus bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by said River Road, 240 feet;
WESTERLY: by Lot

3 on said plan, 110 feet;
NORTHERLY: by land of Trull Brook Golf Course, Inc., 240 feet; and
EASTERLY: by Lot 6 on said plan, 110 feet.

Containing 26,000 square feet of land, more or less. This conveyance is subject to the easement granted by the grantors to Trull Brook Golf Course, Inc., on July 29, 1983, as recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2636, Page 617.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11961, Page 149.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the

time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Chidsey, Diana A. and Merrill A., 13-013347, May 17, 2017, May 24, 2017, May 31, 2017 170593 5/17,24,31/17



The WHS Boys Lacrosse team includes: bottom row from left: Harley Monteiro, Brandon Belmonte, Sam Jennings, Mike Germano, Tyler Roberts, Tyler DeJesus, Gab Saenchandi, Antonio Buzzanga and Jimmy Carroll; second row from left: Zack Kincaid, Dan Woods, Michael DuCharme, Bobby Lord, Matt Spinos, Andrew Sullivan and Patrick Carroll; last row from left: Assistant Coach Zach McDannell, Kyle Penney, Ryan St. Jean, Justin Fraser, Connor Benoit, Marken Nerestant and coach Fran Peters. (Photo by Maureen Brady).

Lacrosse team just misses out on tournament bid

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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WILMINGTON -- Heading into the season, Wilmington High Boys Lacrosse coach Fran Peters was very optimistic about his team's chances of having a successful season, despite the Wildcats entering the campaign on the heels of a 3-13 record last season.

At times during the season that optimism seemed unrealistic, especially as the Wildcats suffered some key injuries, and at one point during the year endured a six game losing streak to drop their record to 2-8.

But Peters kept believing in his players and his players kept believing in themselves, and the results led to a very exciting season for the Wildcats and their fans, as they went 5-1 down the home stretch of the season to finish at 7-9 overall. And while they fell one win short of their goal of qualifying for the state Tournament, it was hard to be anything but happy with the way they closed out the season.

"This is the best record we have had since I have been head coach," said Peters, now in his third season. "It is a four game improvement, and even though we lose some very good seniors, we have a good nucleus coming back next year, so I think we can be even better. "It was really the tale of two halves for us this season. We had that losing streak in the middle of the season which hurt us. It is just very hard for us to compete against some of those teams."

Indeed their stretch of

games against the likes of Melrose, Winchester and undefeated Wakefield provided a nearly impossible task for the Wildcats, but once they got back into playing schools in their own division they took off over the second half of the season, all while playing an incredibly busy schedule.

"In the second half of the season we played eight games in eleven days," Peters said. "So basically we played half our schedule in eleven days, but the kids responded well. We went 6-2 over that span, so it is hard to complain about that."

This past week the Wildcats needed to win all three of their games to reach the .500 mark and qualify for the post season. They came up just short, going 2-1 on the week, picking up wins over Lowell last Wednesday and Matignon this Monday, sandwiched around a hard fought 11-8 loss to a talented Burlington team last Friday.

The 9-8 win over Lowell last Friday was a thriller, with junior midfielder Tyler Roberts scoring the game winning goal for the Wildcats with 36 seconds left in the contest. While Peters thought his team could have played a little better during the course of the game, he was thrilled with how they finished.

"They were a team I felt we should have beaten, but (Lowell) played really well," Peters said. "It was their senior night, so they were definitely up for the game. It was a very exciting game, probably the most exciting game I have coached since I have been at Wilmington." With the score tied 8-8

and just under a minute to go, Peters called a timeout and set up a play, with the main objective being to have Roberts control the final play.

"We just put the ball in Tyler's hands, and I just told him when he had the opportunity to dodge, to go for it and that is just what he did," Peters said. "The whole team went after him and he got off a great shot to score the goal."

Other goal scorers for the Wildcats were senior midfielder Tyler DeJesus with three goals, along with single tallies by Mike DuCharme, Ryan St. Jean, Zach Kincaid, Brandon Belmonte and Mike Germano.

Against Burlington on Friday, the Wildcats gave the Red Devils all they could handle before falling by a score of 11-8. Belmonte led the offensive charge for Wilmington with three goals, while DuCharme, St. Jean, Kincaid, DeJesus and Germano each scored once to provide a well balanced attack.

"It was a closely contested game," Peters said. "We have a tendency as a team to play down to our competition, or in a case like this, play up to our competition. We were playing for our playoff lives and this time it was our senior night, so I think that may have helped us out as well."

Wilmington closed out their season on Monday with a 12-6 win on the road over non-league rival Matignon, team they had beaten 15-1 in their season opener. DuCharme led the offense with three goals, followed by Kincaid, St. Jean and

Belmonte with two each, along with one goal apiece from DeJesus, and Antonio Buzzanga.

"We did not play really well," Peters said. "Matignon was very scrappy and out kids knew we weren't going to the playoffs, so it was hard to get motivated. We were able to get the win though, so we had to be happy with that."

Tyler Roberts had three assists in the game, continuing a great season which



The 2017 WHS Boys Lacrosse seniors, as well as junior captain Tyler Roberts, closed out their season this past week. The group includes front row from left: Sam Jennings, Mike Germano, Roberts and Tyler DeJesus; Back row from left: Assistant coach Zach McDannell, Harley Monteiro, Brandon Belmonte, Jimmy Carroll, Antonio Buzzanga, Gab Saenchandi and head coach Fran Peters. (photo by Maureen Brady).

saw him be selected last week as a First Team Middlesex League All-Star.

Roberts will be one of several key players returning next season, but the Wildcats will be forced to say goodbye to eight seniors who were a huge part of

Coach vs Cancer fundraiser a complete success

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WILMINGTON -- Last Friday afternoon at Wilmington High School, the Wildcats faced off against Burlington High in a key Middlesex League Lacrosse game, with playoff implications on the line. On the field, the two teams battled each other for every faceoff, every loose ball and every inch of space as Burlington ultimately prevailed by a score of 11-8.

But off the field, something special was happening in the stands, and along the sidelines as fans from both towns contributed to the Coaches vs. Cancer fund. The game, dubbed the Boys Lacrosse Stick it to Cancer Game, raised \$314.25 towards cancer research.

The biggest donation of the day came from Wilmington coach Fran Peters, who donated \$100.00 to the cause, a contribution he was proud to make on behalf of himself and his wife. The ball was originally set in motion by Wilmington High athletic director Tim Alberts, who encouraged his coaches to get involved in supporting a worthy cause. For Peters, the choice was simple.

"Coaches versus cancer really stood out to me, so I asked Tim how I could get involved with them," Peters

said. "My cousin Mike has stomach cancer and had major surgery in December to have part of his stomach removed. That really hit home with me. My grandmother had also died of cancer, so that was part of it as well, but it really hit home when it was someone my own age, because my cousin is just two years younger than me."

Peters decided that he would help in any way that he could, and he took steps to get not only his team, involved, but Burlington as well.

"I wanted to do something, so we bought wrist bands for the team, blue, black and white," Peters said. "Before the game, we gave a wrist band to Dan O'Brien, the coach at Burlington. He has a family member in chemotherapy, so it is an important cause to him as well."

As for his own generous donation, Peters was just happy to help in any way that he could.

"I felt like that was the least I could do," Peters said. "That was from my wife and I. My cousin is doing well, and I just felt like this was a way that I could give back. This is something that as long as I am coaching, I want to do every year."

their success this season. The Wildcats seniors were Brandon Belmonte, Antonio Buzzanga, Jimmy Carroll, Tyler DeJesus, Mike Germano, Sam Jennings, goalie Harley Monteiro and Gab Saenchandi. "We will miss all of those

guys," Peters said. "They were all a big part of what we have done here, and hopefully we can carry that on next season, and with the young guys we have, we continue to get better. We have a good core coming back."

Strong comeback against Watertown falls just short

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While wins have been in short supply for the Wilmington High Girls Lacrosse team, there has been no shortage of effort

for the Wildcats this season, and their recent results offered more of the same for the team, as they went just 1-3 on the week, but continued to show improvement with each game.

In their 11-5 loss to

Watertown on Friday, May 12 for example, the Wildcats showed great improvement within the same game, trailing 11-0 at the half before battling back with a strong effort in the second half. "This was one my proudest

moments as a coach," Wilmington coach Ashley Kelley said. "We were down 9-0 in the first six minutes of the game and it's very unlike us to start off that like off as a team. We had a talk at half time and I pretty

much told them they have nothing to lose by going out and giving everything they had and how mentality plays a huge role in the game."

"They went out, held them to no goals the second half, scored five and almost six goals, and made it a game. It was the best comeback I've ever seen, and had become the talk of the week about how we were the team that never gave up. I was so proud of them with the way they showed they wanted it more, with their team spirit and toughness."

Olivia Carpenito led the way on offense for the Wildcats with two goals, while Sam Burke, Mia O'Connell and Ashley Rooney added one goal apiece, and Megan Santry made 14 saves, including posting a shutout over the second half.

The Wildcats next game did not go as well, as they suffered a tough 12-3 loss to Swampscott on Saturday, May 13. Carpenito once again led the Wildcats offense with two goals, while Sam Grasso also added a goal.

"This was a tough game for us. We came off such a great comeback and I think just the overall mentality was tough for us," Kelley said. "This was a great match up for us and we just

made some small easy mistakes, the girls walked away from this game knowing what had to be done going forward."

The Wildcats played much better in their next two games, which featured a 6-3 loss to Revere on Monday, May 15, and a thrilling 9-8 victory over Stoneham on Tuesday, May 16.

In the loss to Revere, the Wildcats got goals from Grasso, Carpenito and Sam Burke, but it was not enough to overcome a solid effort by Revere.

"We beat this team the first time around and we knew it was going to be good competition for us," Kelley said. "Revere played tough, and they were just connecting their passes and making great shots on net. It was definitely a disappointing loss but it was a good game."

Things finally went the Wildcats way the next day when they pulled out an exciting 9-8 victory over Stoneham. Grasso and Carpenito led the offense with four goals each, while Mia O'Connell also added a goal and freshman goalie Payton Fuller, filling in for Megan Santry was outstanding in net with 17 saves.

"Payton stepped up big for



The WHS Girls Lacrosse team closed up its season this week. (Photo by Maureen Brady).

Shawsheen Tech Boys Track team crowned CAC League and Meet Champions

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech Boys Track team wrapped up an incredible season this past week, winning both the CAC Dual Meet Championship as well as the CAC League Meet, putting a cap on a season of great individual and team accomplishments.

The Rams began their week by sweeping a tri-meet with CAC rivals Northeast and Greater Lawrence, improving their record to 8-1 on the season, clinching a share of the CAC title with Chelsea. Shawsheen defeated Northeast by a score of 111-25, and downed Greater Lawrence by a score of 93-38. Although the Rams defeated Chelsea earlier in the season by a score of 75-61, there is no tiebreaker in place in the CAC, so the two teams are considered co-champions. It is the second dual meet championship in a row for the Rams.

The Rams followed up their dual meet championship by putting together an incredible performance on Saturday to capture the CAC League Meet which was held at Shawsheen Tech. The Rams easily outdistanced the field at the league meet, scoring 128 points, while Chelsea finished second with 78 points and Essex Tech finished third with 69 points.

Shawsheen got several outstanding efforts on the day, starting with Nick Gird, who won the 100 meters in a time of 11.35 seconds.

Shawsheen also got a win in the 1,600 meters behind the efforts of RJ Page, who beat the field with a time of 4:53.17. Page also finished second in the 800 meters in a time of 2:10.61.

Other winners on the day for Shawsheen included Kyle Simonds in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 53.81 and Ryan Ward in the discus with a throw of 112-11.

The Rams also got wins in the 4x100 and 4x800 relays. The 4x100 quartet of Sam Chebook, Sam Baker, Jared Mason and Nick Gird took first place in a time of 45.34, while the 4x800 team of Billy Eagan, Ryan Smith, RJ Page and Kyle Simonds won in a time of 9:08.60.

Shawsheen was also outstanding in the 4x400, taking second place in a time of 3:42.46 behind the efforts of Chebook, Shawn Marshall, Simonds and Nick Sachetta.

In fact, the biggest difference in the meet for the Rams was not so much their first place finishes, but their numerous finishes in the top six in several events.

Ralph Desrosiers earned a



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Track-and-Field team, with several members of the girls' team, enjoyed winning the CAC Regular Season and League Meet Championship titles. To the right, captain Kyle Timonds, left, and Coach Jeff McGrath hold up the trophies. (courtesy photos).

third place finish in the 400-meter run, while Ryan Smith was second in the 3,200 meters and Sam Baker was third in the long jump, followed by Jared Mason and Jason Myers in fourth and fifth. Baker was also third in the triple jump, followed by Simonds and Mason in fourth and fifth, while Ryan Ward was second in the shot put, and Christian Bennett was fifth in the event. Connor Larson meanwhile, was fourth in the javelin.

"The boys were able to really separate themselves on the scoreboard due to the depth of performance in every event," Shawsheen coach Jeff McGrath said. "In a meet like this one where the top six places score points, it was huge for us to have two or three athletes place in several of the track and field events. It takes the pressure of taking first, when the kids know several of their teammates are right there with them taking seconds and thirds."

In last Tuesday's tri meet sweep, the Rams got victories from Gird in the 100 meters (11.36), Desrosiers in the 400 (54.76), Page in the 800 (2:13.75) and 1,600 (5:02.91), Ryan Smith in the 3,200 (11:17.58), Baker in the long jump (20:09.00) and triple jump (39-11.00) Ward in the shot put (38-08.00) and discus (97-06.00) and Larson in the javelin (116-01).

Also placing in the long jump were Jared Mason (19-08.00) and Jason Myers (18-11.00), who took second and third respectively. The distances for Baker, Mason and Myers were personal bests for all three athletes.

MCGRATH COY

The Rams also made some news off the track, when it was announced last week that head coach Jeff McGrath was named the CAC Boys Coach of the Year. McGrath, who coaches both the boys and girls teams, has led the squads to a combined 29-6-1 record over the past two seasons, but he deflected much of the credit for winning the award.

"Receiving it is a tremendous honor, but the credit goes to the kids and the rest of the coaching staff," McGrath said. "They were willing to put blind faith in the process even though there was no guarantee that they would be rewarded for their efforts. Their achievements took enormous commitment. They decided at our preseason meeting that they wanted to put another number on our banner in the gym, and do something we weren't able to do last year, which was to win the league meet."

GIRLS TRACK

The Girls Track team at Shawsheen had an impressive week of their own, starting their week with a sweep of the tri-meet against Northeast and Greater Lawrence, defeating Northeast by a score of 89-43 and Greater Lawrence by a score of 72-64 to improve their record to 7-2-1 on the season.

The Lady Rams then moved on to the CAC League Meet on Saturday they earned a third place finish with 54 total points, finishing behind only Chelsea and



Essex Tech, the two teams they had lost to during the season.

Jackie Broderick picked up the lone individual win of the day for the Rams, taking first place in the 800 meters in a time of 2:35.79, but the Lady Rams also picked up a big win in the 4x800 meter relay in a time of 11:48.00 behind the efforts of Lauren Pottie, Ivan Wisky, Shannon Fitzgerald and Broderick.

Along with those victories, several top six finishes allowed the Lady Rams to earn their third place overall finish.

Alex DiPerri earned a third place finish in the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.17 seconds as well as a second place finish in the long jump with a distance of 15-06.00, while Fitzgerald was fifth in

the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 20.05, Sam Moriconi was third in the shot put with a throw of 28-01.00 and Rachel Ssozi was second in the javelin with a distance of 16-11.

Shawsheen also got great performances in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays, with Angie Bankowski, Rachel MacDonald, Monique Kazelyan and DiPerri taking second in the 4x100 in a time of 54.12, while Taylor Thurell, Lauren Pottie, Wisky and Broderick too third in the 4x400 in a time of 4:51.93.

"The girls league meet performance is really impressive given how young we are," McGrath said. "The majority of the team is made up of freshmen and sophomores, with a handful

of juniors and seniors leading the way. Taking third with limited experience makes me really excited about the future of this group."

In the sweep over Greater Lawrence and Northeast, Shawsheen got wins from DiPerri in the 100 meters (13.19) and the long jump (16-01.50), Fitzgerald in the high jump (4-10.00) and triple jump (31-04.50), Wisky in the 1,600 (6:52.55), Moriconi in the shot put (27-01.00), Bankowski in the discus (72-04) and Ssozi in the javelin (79-09).

DiPerri's distance in the long jump qualified her for Saturday's Division 3 State Meet to be held at Burlington High School beginning at 10 am.

Boys Lacrosse team brings home second straight league title

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Boys Lacrosse team captured their second straight CAC championship this past week, routing CAC rival Whittier Tech last Wednesday by a score of 18-4 to improve to 13-3 (11-1 CAC) on the season.

The Rams have long ago secured a spot in the MIAA State Tournament, and the win over Whittier likely also secured the number one seed in the State Vocational Large School Tournament, where the Rams will host number four seed Northeast on Thursday at 4:00 pm.

If they get past Northeast, they will host the winner of the other first round game between Blackstone Valley and Monty Tech on Saturday at Shawsheen.

Sophomore attack Owen Sullivan powered the Rams offense against Whittier, notching a team high eight goals to help lead them to victory.

Shawsheen also received five goals from junior attack Will Bouley, two goals and an assist from freshman midfielder Dave Fraser, and a goal and four assists from freshman attack Kevin Kemp.

Shawsheen's next game was much more challenging and much more thrilling, with the Rams pulling out a dramatic 9-8 victory over Essex Tech on Thursday,

when Sullivan scored with nine seconds left in the game to give the Rams the win.

"Owen had the hot hand. We called a timeout with just over fifty seconds and wanted to play for the last shot," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "When it seems as though a team might be playing one of them strong defensively, the other seems to pick up the slack and will make teams pay. Both have been playing great and have been leading our offense all season long."

Shawsheen wrapped up their week with a 10-4 loss to non-league rival Austin Prep on Monday afternoon, despite two goals by Bouley and one each for Sullivan and Kemp.

SOFTBALL

What was supposed to be a fairly busy week for the Shawsheen Tech Softball team turned out to be a very light week of action, as due to two cancellations, they played only one game, which resulted in a 7-2 loss to CAC rival Whittier last Wednesday in Billerica. Despite the loss the Lady Rams have already secured a spot in the post season, as they have an 11-5 record to this point.

Earlier in the season the Lady Rams had pulled out a 4-3 victory on the road over the same Whittier team, but this time around it was a different story, as Katelyn Logue's two run home run was not enough. Bella Richard (two hits, one stolen

bases) and Alysha Cushing also had good days at the plate.

The Lady Rams could have gotten more out of the fourth inning, but Carlee Wickwire was robbed of at least a double with two runners on by a fantastic diving play by Whittier's left fielder.

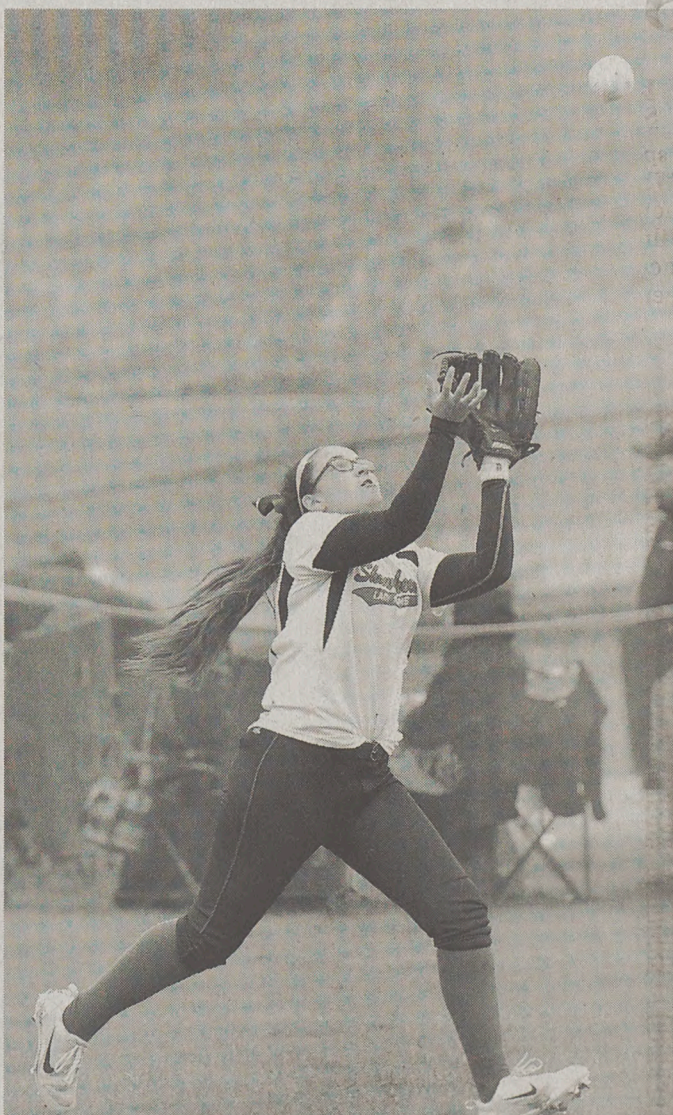
Katie Welch and Alysha Cushing played well defensively for Shawsheen, while Wickwire took the loss, surrendering seven hits and five runs, only three of them earned, while striking out three, and walking four.

Wickwire's near double in the fourth would have given Shawsheen the lead, as they trailed just 3-2 at the time. Whittier (12-1) would add single runs in the fifth and sixth innings before putting the game away with two runs in the top of the seventh.

Shawsheen had been scheduled to host Bishop Fenwick on Monday on Senior Night, but the game was postponed due to rain and rescheduled for Wednesday night. Their game on Tuesday at Arlington Catholic was also postponed, this time due to a scheduling conflict. No makeup date had been announced as of press time.

CO-ED TENNIS

The Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Tennis team had a good day at the CAC League Meet on Tuesday afternoon at Greater Lowell, with several



Shawsheen Tech Softball player Liz Frietas makes the catch in right field during a recent home softball game. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

players having outstanding performances, finishing at or near the top of the stand-

ings.

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Wildcat Girls Lacrosse team falls short

FROM PAGE SP 10W

us in net this game," Kelley said. "Meg was sick and Payton did a great job. I know how nervous she must have been but for a first time goalie she did a fantastic job. We still have some things to work on but she performed great and we had a great game over all."

Kelley was proud of the way her team played to get the win, especially considering the challenging schedule

they had faced all week.

"We've been playing games non-stop all week and it really does take a lot out of all of us. We have just been playing games every day and it does eventually take a small toll on everyone so to come out with this win was awesome for us," Kelley said. "It got the girls going. It was an exciting game, and they just out played the other team when it came

down to the final minutes and I was just so proud of them."

"Our transitions were great, we executed the plays well, and we controlled the offense so it was a great day."

This year's team will be losing two of its three senior captains, Samantha Grasso and Morgan DiBenedetto, as well as Juliana Rosa.

Baron wins on the tennis court

FROM PAGE SP11W

Senior Duncan Baron of Wilmington let the way for the Rams, finishing first in Boys Singles by a score of 10-2.

The Rams also had several second place finishes, including sophomore Adam Hines of Tewksbury in Boys Singles. The Girls Doubles sophomore combination of Wilmington residents

Samantha Fusco and Michelle Chen, as well as the Boys Doubles duo of sophomore Amaan Shaikh and junior Andreas Gonzales also earned second place finishes. Each of these players were also named to the CAC All-League team.

Last Tuesday the Rams split a doubleheader with CAC rival Minuteman, with

each team winning one match by a score of 4-3.

Winners in singles matches on the day for the Rams Hines, Baron and sophomore John Bumpus of Wilmington, while the doubles combination of Gonzales and Shaikh was also victorious.

Tewksbury to dedicate field to Ed Dick

On Wednesday, May 24th, the Tewksbury Memorial High School and the Athletic Department held a Dedication Ceremony of the Memorial Athletic Field in honor of Edward K. Dick. The ceremony started at 4 pm with the TMHS Boys Lacrosse game following at 5:30 pm.

The ceremony happened as this paper was going to print. The Tewksbury Town Crier will have much more on this special occasion in next week's edition.



The WHS Girls Lacrosse team was led all season by its three seniors, from left, Juliana Rosa, Samantha Grasso and Morgan DiBenedetto. (Photo by Maureen Brady)

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Rams Baseball team enjoys first home night game

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It was a somewhat quiet week in terms of games played for the Shawsheen Tech Baseball team, as they had only two games on their schedule. But for a week that was light in quantity, it was certainly heavy in quality, as they split a pair of games against two of the best vocational teams in the state, while also making some history while playing in the first night baseball game in school history.

The Rams began their week last Wednesday by taking on Blue Hills Regional of Canton under the lights on their new turf field at the Charles Lyons Athletic Complex. After a pregame ceremony highlighted by Lyons throwing the ceremonial first pitch, the Rams got down to the business of baseball and topped the Warriors by a score of 5-1.

Shawsheen coach Brian McCarthy was thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the history making contest.

Shawsheen was led by junior lefthander Sean Flagg, who scattered six hits over seven innings, striking out four, without walking a batter. Junior designated hitter James Alagna powered the offense, going 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Chris Galinos also had a big night, going 1-for-1, reaching base four times, including once on an RBI double.

While the evening would have been memorable and enjoyable regardless of the outcome of the game, picking up the victory, especially over a program like Blue Hills made it that much more enjoyable for McCarthy and the Rams.

"Going into the game Blue Hills was 12-1 on the season. They are consistently one of the top vocational teams on the south shore, so it was a great game against two

quality teams that night," McCarthy said. "It was a well played game on both sides. A good pitcher's duel to start. We had Sean Flagg pitching well and they had their ace. Then we jumped on him in the fifth inning to distance ourselves and ultimately win the game."

"Flagg was great that night, but the defense behind him was tremendous as well, as they have been for most of the year. We had some good executions at the plate with a sacrifice bunt and two hit and runs, then some timely hits to get them in. It was a total team effort that night and a great win that we were very proud of."

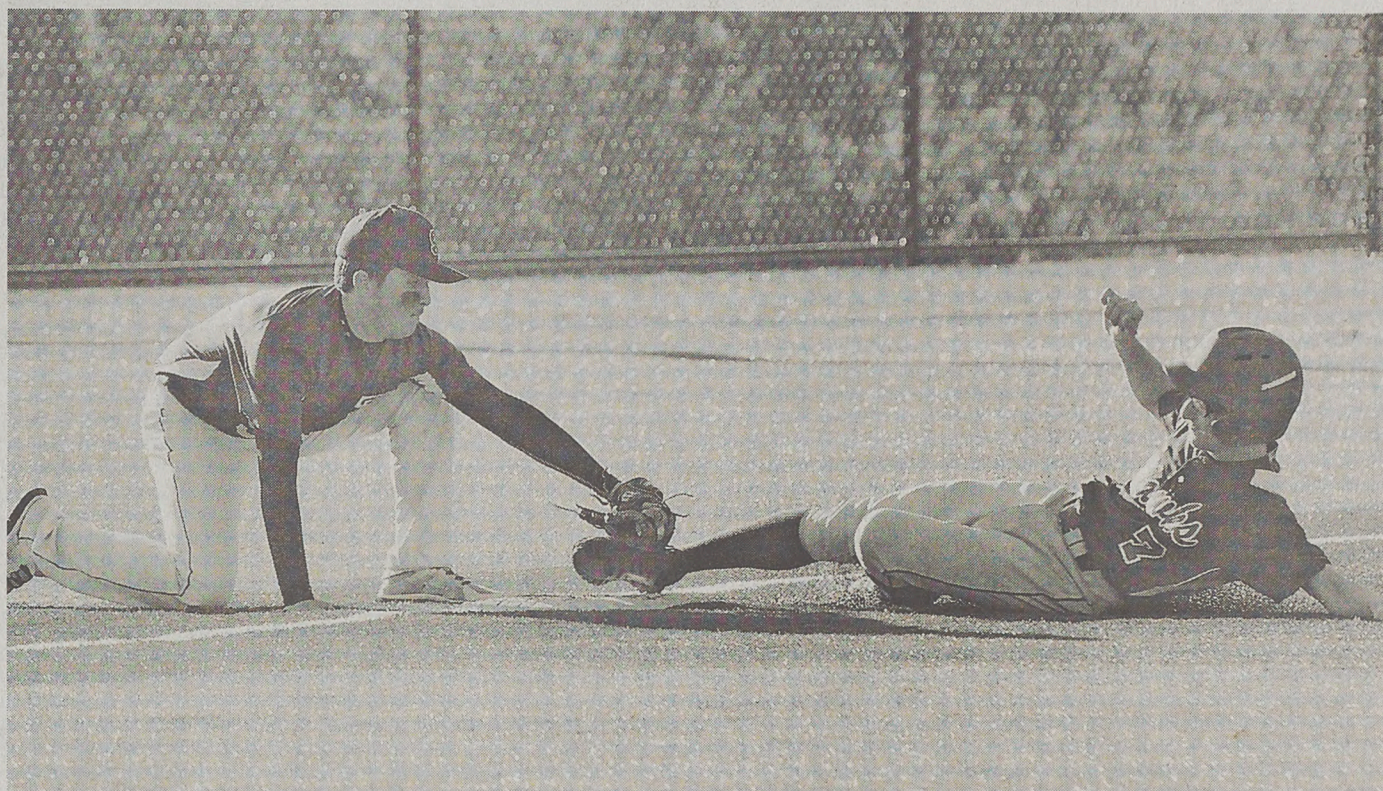
The next day the Rams hit the road to take on CAC leading Whittier Tech, and while the 4-3 loss was disappointing, the game was another indication that the Rams are playing very well as they prepare for the post season. While the Rams brought a 15-2 record into the contest, Whittier came in with a mark of 14-1, and the teams gave each other all they could handle before the Wildcats finally prevailed, clinching the CAC title and denying the Rams a fourth straight title.

"That was a great high school baseball game. It was another well-played game. We got a good pitching effort that day from Leo Frisella (Tewksbury) and Anthony Medeiros (Tewksbury)," McCarthy said. "Great defense behind them and some timely hits, we just came up a bit short and we have to tip our caps to Whittier who is playing great this season. The CAC has always been a good baseball league and day in and day out we play some tough games."

The MIAA State tournament pairings come out the Tuesday after Memorial Day, and while the Rams know they will definitely be in the Division 3 North



On Wednesday, May 17th Shawsheen Valley Technical High School played their first ever baseball game under the lights on their newly constructed turf field at "Alumni Stadium". Former Superintendent Director Charles Lyons was on hand to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the game. Lyons was joined by several local officials who have been supportive of the project since its conception. The Rams went on to defeat Blue Hills Regional 5-1 later that night improving their record to 15-2 on the season. Included in the photo from left: State Representative Marc Lombardo, Shawsheen School Committee member Paul Gedick, Shawsheen Superintendent-Director Tim Broadrick, Charlie Lyons, State Representative Sean Garabille and State Representative Ken Gordon.



Shawsheen Tech third baseman Zac Carpenter tags out a runner at the base during a recent CAC Baseball game. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

bracket, they don't know exactly where they will be seeded, although it is probably very safe to assume the Rams will open up at home due to their outstanding (15-3) record.

Prior to the state tournament

the Rams will also likely compete in the state vocational tournament. Pairings for the vocational tournament will be announced on Friday.

"We are sitting with a pretty good record right now,

but have another big game against Blue Hills on Wednesday that will count towards (vocational) seeding, and there are some other strong vocational schools in the state right now with some pretty

impressive records," McCarthy said. "We just have to play our best and let the chips fall as they may. We'd love to make it into the vocational tournament, we'd be proud to represent the CAC and Shawsheen Tech."

Fourth annual 5K Fun Run in Tewksbury this Monday

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TEWKSBURY -- The Tewksbury Country Club will be hosting the fourth annual 5K Fun Run race this upcoming Memorial Day. The Tewksbury Lions Club and The Tewksbury Rotary Club have teamed up for the second year in a row to help sponsor this great event, with proceeds going to scholarships to various senior students within the town.

Rotary Club President Erin Knyff said the organization enjoys working with The Lions Club and she hopes the two groups can continue to partner with each other to promote future community events.

"It really does take the burden off of the businesses and it takes the burden off of each club to work together," Knyff said. "I hope that we continue to do it because it just makes the most sense. Both clubs have very dedicated members that will do whatever is asked of them."

Lions Club President Sherry Hubbard explained that the scholarships are open to all students. "(This event is) a joint venture between the Tewksbury Lions Club and the Tewksbury Rotary Club," said Hubbard. "For the Lions Club, this gives us the opportunity to increase scholarships for incoming students that reside in Tewksbury. You don't have to go to Tewksbury Memorial High School, you can go anywhere as long as you're a resident of Tewksbury you're able to apply for our scholarships."

"We notify the schools where the students attend that they've won," Hubbard continued. "It just happens that this year all the winners came from Tewksbury

Memorial High School. This year we had over forty applicants. Winners are chosen from a combination of academics and then they do a story, which is most important."

Hubbard added there are two ways people can sign up to participate in the race either by registering online at Lightboxreg.com or registration opens the morning of the race, May 29th, at 7:00am at the Tewksbury Country Club, located at 1880 Main Street. Race day registration is \$35.00. T-shirts will be available for all registrants.

Hubbard also said to remember to allow enough time to park and register to be ready for the 8:00am start.

Jerry Selissen is in his fourth year helping to organize the event. The first two years proceeds went for different causes. The first year was for The Wounded Warrior Project. The second year went to the 9/11 Committee and Strongwater Farm.

Last year and this year's funds will all be going to the Lions and Rotary Clubs, respectively, for scholarships.

"This is a big fundraiser for our scholarships," said Selissen. "This year, both Rotary and Lions are going to be giving just under twenty-thousand dollars in scholarships to local Tewksbury High School kids."

The unique part of this race is the course.

"You run on the golf course," said Selissen. "If you're not a golfer or you've never seen a golf course it's a beautiful layout. We do a loop around the condos and we finish right at the Tewksbury Country Club. It's quite different."

At last year's event, there

were 150 people that registered, but Mother Nature intervened and rained on all the fun, literally.

"We ended up with one-hundred and ten runners," said Selissen. "Up to this point, out sign-ups haven't been that great, but a lot of people are holding off to see what the weather will be like. The good news is it looks like the weather is going to break next week. I have my fingers crossed."

Last year's event raised \$12,000 and this year the goal is to raise at least \$13,000 with one hundred percent of the proceeds going to the student scholarships.

"We don't make a whole lot of money on the road race," but the support from local businesses to sponsor the race is where most of the money comes from. Every bit helps," said Selissen.

Coming close to his seventh year of retirement, Selissen was asked why he has been involved with this event every year.

"I really enjoy doing this, he said. "It's a lot of fun. The ones that are going to benefit are the Tewksbury seniors at the high school as well as private schools as well as Shawsheen Tech. So all the Tewksbury high school kids can benefit from this."

Preparations for the event started last fall.

"We have preliminary meetings where we talk about what we're going to do and then yours truly spends a lot of time harassing local businesses to get sponsorships," said Selissen. "We've pretty much wrapped that up now."

"Not that our runners are big on coffee and donuts but we do offer that. We offer orange juice and fruit - it's all part of the package."

Selissen said he is just a small part of this event and that Hubbard and Knyff deserve so much of the credit.

"It's not just me," he said. Sherry, Erin Knyff and I work with each other as a team. We started doing this last year and it went extremely well. We're pretty happy doing this."

"I've always been active in the community. I used to be a member of the Patriotic Activities Community for fifteen to twenty years, I helped with the Memorial Day Parade and was on the Board of Selectman for six years. I believe in this community and I think we have a lot of great people here."

The Lions and Rotary Clubs also help out with the help out with The Tewksbury Food Pantry, Tewksbury FARM, and Liam Nation, "which strives to improve the lives of people with physical and cognitive challenges by providing funding and support to remove the obstacles that affect their quality of life. Our mission is to reach out by raising awareness, educating people and showing how fulfilling it can be to know and love someone with these challenges."

The motto for the Rotary Club is "Service Above Self." That's the No. 1 reason why Knyff joined The Rotary Club. Not only do the members firmly believe that, they live that motto in their everyday life. "Everybody in The Rotary Club is involved in this run one way or another."

"Both clubs are just amazing to things that are going on to fundraisers going on within the community and helping individuals with in the community," Knyff emphasized. "Anybody that comes to these groups for

help usually gets it.

"Both The Rotary and The Lions do so much and I really think that they deserve the support of the community because that's where

Still time to sign up for WHS Tennis Clinic

The 11th annual Wildcat Tennis Clinic will run from June 19-23 from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the new high school tennis courts.

The clinic is a developmental and support program for those who intend to play high school tennis or for anyone looking to learn great game of tennis.

Supported by the Friends of Wilmington Tennis, the clinic's head instructor is Wildcat Girls Tennis Coach Matt Hackett. Current Wildcat varsity players will assist Coach Hackett with instruction and demonstrations. The cost of the clinic

is \$150 per player, and includes a free gift, guaranteed fun, and fundamental to advanced instruction.

Participants entering grades six through nine are invited to register. We welcome players of all skill levels. Space is limited to 16 participants, and fills up fast.

For registration information, please contact the Friends of Wilmington Tennis at friendsWT@verizon.net, or 978.658.8987. Check out the Friends' website at www.wilmingtontennis.org for more information on local tennis.

Seventh annual Tewksbury Tennis Open, June 22-25

The Friends of Tewksbury Tennis will be holding the Seventh Annual Tewksbury Open at the Tewksbury Memorial High School courts on June 22-25, 2017. Register to play singles (youth, men's, women's) or doubles (mixed, men's, women's) for \$25 per player per event.

Register by June 10 for a discounted fee of \$20 per player per event.

This is a link to the registration form: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/13tjqVGBUXOH3LhAcWHEKFZdhPsqGPukw>

ME8IB5MF7Q/edit Look for registration forms available at Tewksbury Sports Club, Tewksbury Public Library and at many local courts. We are also seeking sponsors for the event.

More information about the tournament, sponsor details, and player registration are available on our Facebook page or by contacting friendsoftewksburytennis@gmail.com.



This past Thursday a group of Wilmington 13-14 yr old Junior League baseball players were selected to participate in the Middlesex Big Diamond League (MBDL) All Star Game held in Woburn. The team includes from left: Aidan McGrath, Stephen Smolinsky, Garrett Moretto, Devin Milano, Nico Piazza, Derek Gallucci, Joey Dynan, Drew Gallucci and Coach Lou Piazza. (courtesy photo).

Little League Round-Up

Angels score 17 runs against Stoneham Cubs

Major League
Wilmington Angels 17,
Stoneham Cubs 13

JJ's Barbershop Angels scored another come from behind victory with a 17-13 win over the Stoneham Cubs last Monday. The Angels struck first with four runs in the first inning on hits by Joey McLaren, Patrick Stokes (3 hits), and Alex Burns (2 hits).

The second and third innings belonged to the Cubs as they put up 9 runs in those innings to take a 12-4 lead.

The bats then woke up for the resilient Angels as they outscored the Cubs 13-1 over the final three innings of the game.

After a couple of walks, Patrick Housell ripped a single and Anthony Angioni cleared the bases with a double off the fence. Sean Falvey followed with a single and both rode home on Michael Daniels' fourth home run of the season. They added more in the fifth inning, after an error and a couple of walks loaded the bases, Housell hit a sacrifice fly to left to plate one run. Angioni then brought in the other two with his second double of the game.

Joey McLaren came in to silence the Cubs' bats over the last three innings, striking out six. The Cubs tried to mount a rally in the final inning. After scoring one run and loading the bases with two outs, Housell made a nice stab on a grounder to third and threw to second for the force to end the game.

North Reading White Sox 5,
Wilmington Angels 4

JJ's Barbershop Angels lost a close interleague game to the North Reading White Sox last Wednesday, 5-4. This was a pitchers' duel for most of the game.

Michael Dynan was sharp on the hill for the Angels as he pitched three scoreless innings. He pitched out of trouble in the first two innings, striking out two batters with runners on second and third in the first inning and leaving the bases loaded with another strikeout in the second. He received some defensive help in the third with nice plays by Shea Price and Patrick Stokes. Then with a runner on second, the White Sox cleanup hitter smashed one to center field, where a great catch by Joey McLaren ended the inning.

The Angels were able to get two runs in the third inning on a double by Anthony Angioni, a walk to Tommy Gargan and a big RBI single by McLaren. Patrick Housell came in to pitch a quick fourth inning with two nice plays at first base by Michael Daniels and a strike out to end the inning.

The only hiccup for the Angels came in the fifth inning. The White Sox got two runners on with a walk and a hit. But with two outs, a couple of uncharacteristic mistakes in the field led to the White Sox scoring five

runs.

As they have all year, the Angels started another comeback. Gargan reached base again and was moved along on a single by Daniels. After two walks made the game 5-4, the Angels got the tying run to third base. The White Sox closer beared down to get the final out.

Wilmington Angels 4,
Lynnfield Red Sox 1

JJ's Barbershop Angels won their final interleague game of the year with a 4-1 win over the Lynnfield Red Sox. This was another pitchers' duel as Johnny Rhind was dealing again for the Angels. He struck out six and walked only one batter over the first four innings. He also helped himself out in the field by fielding three ground balls for outs, including throwing out a runner at the plate trying to score from third.

The Red Sox pitcher was up to the task. The Angels could only muster hits from Rhind and Tommy Gargan over the first three innings. The Angels were able to take a 1-0 lead in the fourth on a triple to the gap by Rhind followed by an RBI single by Patrick Stokes.

The Red Sox tied it in the bottom of the fifth inning and threatened to take the lead. But with the bases loaded Patrick Housell made a nice play at third base to end the inning.

The Angels took command in the top of the sixth. Joey McLaren reached base after getting hit by a pitch. He went to second on a single by Michael Daniels. Both scored on a triple to the fence by Stokes for his third RBI of the game. Mikey Monteforte knock him in with an RBI groundout to give the Angels a 4-1 lead.

McLaren came in to pitch the final inning for the Angels and struck out two batters to record the save.

AA Baseball

Royals vs Astros

The AA Royals and Astros played a makeup game at the North.

The Royals' Timmy Watson and Joey Cavanaugh threw scoreless innings. Jake Carr exploded for three doubles and two runs scored while Ethan Lyndon and Luke Kitanov had RBIs. Joey Fallis and Gabriel Lyndon played well in the field as did Dante McCollem who had two great catches in one inning.

The Astros' Justin Fricia had another strong outing on the mound as did Mikey Taylor, James Passerini, Joey Fennelly, and John Roofo. Kyle Bridge and Evan Cummings ripped impressive singles in the third joining Erin McCarthy, Quinn Stockman (yet again), Fricia, Connor Sullivan (2), Fennelly (2), Passerini (3), and Taylor (single and double) in the hit parade. Passerini scored twice and McCarthy once as Bridge, Taylor, and Sullivan drove them in.

Alert fielding by Bridge

and Kevin Pruslin kept the Royals from running wild and a lot of other plays were made by Fennelly, Fricia, Roofo, McCarthy, Stockman, Taylor, and Sullivan.

For the Royals, some familiar players had strong games against the Astros. Luke Kitanov and Dante McCollem played very well as they usually do against this opponent. McCollem was terrific on the mound and Charlotte Forcina made some great pitches as well, keeping the Astros off balance.

Despite this, the Astros had their bats going as Joey Fennelly, Erin McCarthy, Mikey Taylor, and Connor Sullivan lead the way with two hits apiece while James Passerini and Justin Fricia added one each. Sullivan, McCarthy, and Kevin Pruslin each struck out two or more on the mound while Quinn Stockman made a nice defensive play during his inning.

Evan Cummings, Fennelly, McCarthy, and Sullivan also made nice plays in the field. The team continues to benefit from many willing catchers as John Roofo, Fennelly, Fricia, and Passerini had playing well manning the position this game.

Braves vs. Astros

The Braves and Astros met at iconic Rotary Park for a Double-A game on Saturday, May 20. This was one of the Astros' better fielding games as everyone was involved one way or another. Kyle Bridge played excellent center field retrieving a couple of long hits and getting the ball quickly back to the infield. Mikey Taylor caught a liner at second base and doubled off the runner at first. Joey Fennelly played his usual great defense behind the plate while Erin McCarthy and Connor Sullivan were rock solid as always all over the field.

James Passerini, John Roofo, Justin Fricia, and Evan Cummings also contributed to the effort. Passerini, Roofo, Fennelly and Fricia all struck out batters during their time on the mound. Cummings, Fennelly, Fricia, Roofo, McCarthy, Passerini, and Sullivan all singled and Taylor lead the way with a single and double.

The Braves opened the game with singles by Warren Sullivan and Chase Kennedy while Nolan Richards pitched two great innings. Shane McDonald doubled in the second while Matthew Driscoll's double and Jake Antczak's single drove in runs in the third. Driscoll then struck out two on the mound. Richards, McDonald, Kennedy, and Jack McClellan kept the offensive pressure on throughout with more hits.

McDonald pitched a strong inning while Thomas Pote, Reilly Young, and Driscoll made great plays in the field. Colin Dwyer kept the ball in play behind the plate at catcher.

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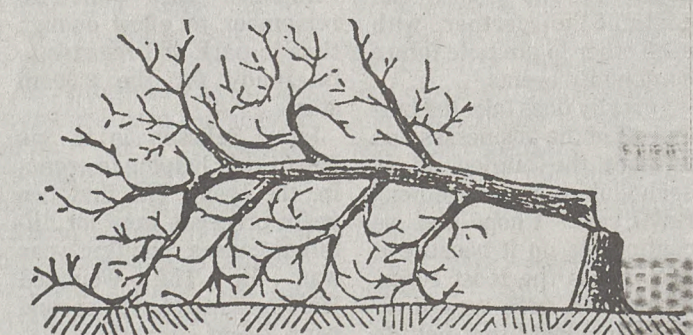
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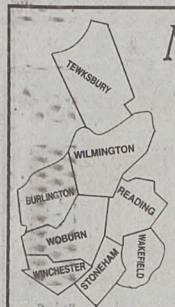
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Red Bulls and Revolution receive a lot of strong performances on the soccer field

Grade 2:
New York Red Bulls
vs. NE Revolution

Nobody stayed home for this action packed game. The Red Bull's Nate Anderson and Gavin Poirier scored, getting the crowd jumping out of their seats. Outstanding offense by Richard Holland, Joe Mytych, Jackson Hegarty and Ethan Laconte set up many scoring chances.

The flawless defense of Jack Morin, Preston Hunt and Jonathan Malley provided great protection for their goal keepers, Joe Mytych and Nate Anderson.

The Revs saw strong performances from their goal keeping that included Cole Falk, Nicholas Ientile and Zach Atwater, while the iron clad defensive team efforts from Joshua Nile and Nicholas Melargani kept the Redbulls on their feet.

The midfield held strong as Daniel D'Augusta, Cameron Molina, Cooper Holleran and Kyle Price worked non stop to help connect the back to the front. Upfront the tandem team of Dennis Reppucci and Finn Hadden kept the pressure on the Redbulls.

Houston Dynamo
vs. Chicago Fire

The Chicago Fire were also impressive on the offensive side of the ball with great skill being displayed by Jack Cronin, Fernando Gunera, Collin Holman, Thomas Murphy, Chase O'Brien, and Dillan Roberts leading to a goal by Michael O'Hearn.

The defense showcased their skills today with Joseph Constantino, Aiden Harris, Aiden O'Hearn, and Chase Levesque keeping the ball out of their zone for much of the game; while the goal keeping team of

Michael O'Hearn and
Dillan Roberts made this
game close.

Girls Grade 1:

Houston Dash
vs. Washington Spirit

The crowd was kept on the edge of their seats this week as the Houston Dash, led by the offensive skills of Emily Quamme and Sarah Najarian resulted in scoring opportunities by Georgia Hanson, Abby O'Donoghue and Caroline Broussard.

The defense was not to be left out of this one either as Sophia Kulsa and Emily Laquidara kept the ball out of their zone for much of the game.

Boys Kindergarten:

Houston Dynamo
vs. Philadelphia Union

One could only believe the silence of the crowd was due to the fantastic ball skill of Henry Borgen, Anthony Dimitriadis, Bobby King and Anthony Graziano. However it did not take long for the crowd to cheer as goals were scored by Lucas Pereira.

The Houston Dynamo defensive stand made by Joseph Lane, Robert Miller, Jayden Anderson, and Nikolas Dordevic could only be viewed as heroic.

DC United
vs. NY Red Bulls

D.C. United would not back down from this back and forth match. Goals by Matthew Roque, Michael Belanger and Thomas McGagh brought the crowd to a frenzy. A spectacular display of defensive skills was shown by Cameron Boyle and Ryan Heos.

In addition, the midfield play of Ethan Hunt, Christopher Gattineri and Jaxon Jones kept constant pressure on the opponent's

Girls Kindergarten:
Houston Dash
vs. Seattle Reign

The Houston Dash would not back down from this back and forth match. Goals by Ashley Anderson, Charlotte Doucette and Olivia Zella brought the crowd to a frenzy. A spectacular display of defensive skills was shown by Kiera Barry and Ava Zella.

In addition, the midfield play of Elizabeth DiSchino and Katherine McGrath kept constant pressure on the opponent's net.

Boys Grade 1:

D.C. United
vs. Chicago Fire

The Chicago Fire would not back down from this back and forth match. Goals by Spencer Walker, Ryan Fitzgerald, Griffin Crowe and Andrew Lipsanopoulos brought the crowd to a frenzy. A spectacular display of defensive skills was shown by Dylan Perry and Andrew Templeton.

In addition, the midfield play of Bijon Pourshadi, Jacob Afthim and Daniel Finn kept constant pressure on the opponent's net.

Houston Dynamos
vs. NE Revolution

The air was full of excitement, as the much-anticipated match between the New England Revolution and the Houston Dynamos commenced. Rising stars David and Jonathan Poulse showcased great moves in the midfield where they were joined by teammates and playmakers Dante DiGiovanni, Thomas Demers, and Christopher Cali.

Fantastic ball skill were displayed by Ryan Hudd and Matthew Lawler resulting in goals by Nathan DiSchino. The hard work and high energy of Sanjeev Puvanendrakumar, who led offensive plays as well as remarkable defensive stops, kept the Dynamos going and kept the Revolution on their toes.

One could only believe the silence of the crowd was due to the fantastic ball skill of Jackson Cipolle and Max Snapusky. However it did not take long for the crowd to cheer as goals were scored by Colin Doherty, Garrett Lanagan, Jake Grylik and Kolin Sousa. The defensive stand made by Jacob McGahey could only be viewed as heroic.

Girls Grade 2:

Portland Thorns
vs. Seattle Reign

The Seattle Reign was also impressive on the offensive side of the ball with great skills being displayed by Daniella Madore, Ellie Gillis and Molly Lovell, leading to goals by Emma Callahan, Anna Heiplik, and Isabella Goldstein.

The defense showcased their skills today with Emma Tarin, Lyla Dickinson, and Kaetlyn Costello keeping the ball out of their zone for most of the game; while the goal-keeping tandem of Claire Connolly and Shannon Hounsell made timely saves.



Above, Ryan MacPherson, age 6, made his way through the PanMass ride and below, Nathan Riccigarelli had fun designs painted on his arms by volunteers, Meghan Hartnett and Gabby Vaccaro during the event.

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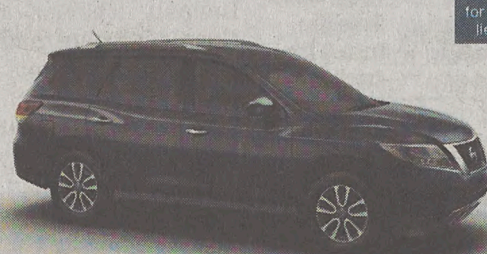
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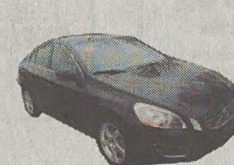
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